

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, July 22, 2016/Ashadha 31, 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

Uniform Civil Code

*61. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state whether the Ministry has asked the Law Commission to examine and prepare a report on the issue of enacting a Uniform Civil Code in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring projects through drone recording and CCTV coverage

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

(a) whether Railways have decided to monitor the progress of its projects under construction with the help of drone recording and CCTV coverage, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of projects which are being monitored with the help of drones and CCTV; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Enforcement of Uniform Civil Code

†*63. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether enforcing Uniform Civil Code across the country is consistent with the constitution, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has recently sought a study report from the Law Commission on various aspects of enforcement of Uniform Civil Code in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Tiger Trail Circuit Train in Sunderbans

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tiger Trail Circuit Train does not pass through the Sunderbans;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

(c) whether the Ministry will consider including Sunderbans in the itinerary of the Tiger Trail Circuit Train, if not, the reasons therefor?

MSP for Kharif crops

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

(a) whether Government has recently announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif crops, including paddy, for Kharif season 2016-17, if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that increase in MSP of paddy is very less remunerative in comparison to the increase in its cost of production, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to review the MSP of paddy and provide remunerative price to poor farmers who are committing suicide on an alarming scale; and

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

Welfare schemes for farmers

*66. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers benefited from the Soil Health Card scheme in the country;

(b) whether Government is planning to launch any such new schemes for the welfare of farmers; and

(c) the details of various farmers' welfare schemes that have been launched by Government during the last two years?

Vacancies in Railway Board

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

(a) whether any posts are lying vacant in the Railway Board, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the number of female members working in the Railway Board as compared to men, the details thereof?

Enacting Uniform Civil Code

*68. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enact a Uniform Civil Code for the country;

(b) whether Government has consulted all the stakeholders, representatives of various communities etc.;

(c) whether Government has consulted Government of Goa where the law enacted during Portuguese regime is in force and has not been repealed as the same is found to be a good law; and

(d) the feedback received by Government from various States, so far?

Growing distress and declining confidence in agriculture

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

(a) the land holding pattern among big,

medium, small and marginal farmers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the country is witnessing growing distress and declining confidence in agriculture as most small, marginal and landless farmers are forced to quit farming and look out for other avenues for their livelihood;

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

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government to retain such farmers in farming with attractive incentives; and

(e) the total amount allocated, disbursed and spent in the last three years for promotion of agriculture and to benefit such farmers?

Improving facilities in trains

†*70. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no facilities in trains despite charging high fare from the passengers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of decisions taken by Government so far to provide facilities to passengers in trains and what improvement has taken place in catering services?

Action plan to increase speed of trains

†*71. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on any action plan to increase the speed of trains;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to increase the speed of trains by improving the condition of tracks in various railway divisions;

(c) the proposed programme to run Bullet train between New Delhi and Kolkata; and

(d) the number of phases in which the Bullet train is proposed to be operated in this sector and the steps being taken to run a Bullet train between New Delhi and Varanasi?

Production of pulses

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

(a) the efforts being made by Government to control the increasing prices of pulses in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of pulses;

(c) the reasons due to which the efforts being made by Government towards increasing the production of pulses are not yielding expected success; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

Requests for assistance from SDF

*73. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests were received from the sugar mills of Jharkhand and Gujarat seeking assistance from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) during the last three years; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the number of requests received, approved, pending, and the funds sought and allocated along with the reasons for pendency?

Postal Bank of India

*74. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is setting up Postal Bank of India;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof and the details worked out so far, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) the funds allocated and spent so far,

branch-wise, and the parameters adopted to set up such a Bank in each area?

Sale of Rail Neer at railway stations

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are allowing only Rail Neer packaged drinking water brand at its stations and on trains and not the packaged drinking water of other brands; and

(b) whether only one litre bottles of Rail Neer are being sold and not 500 ml. as other brands do and thus, leaving no choice with the passengers but to go for one litre bottle, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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Ashadha 25, 1938 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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