

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, July 29, 2016/Sravana 7, 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

Doubling farmers' income by 2022

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

(a) the objective behind doubling farmers' income by 2022;

(b) the details of road-map prepared to ensure that farmers' income is doubled by 2022;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that to double the income, there is a need to increase agricultural growth by 11 per cent annually; and

(d) if so, how Government is planning to reorient its interventions in the farm and non-farm sectors to achieve the above growth rate?

Losses incurred by Mumbai local trains

*137. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai's lifeline, local train, is running into losses of more than ₹ 4000 crore during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the earnings and expenditure of Mumbai local trains during the last three years;

(c) the reasons behind losses despite Mumbai local trains running to their full capacity throughout the year; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making Mumbai local trains profitable without increasing the passenger fare?

Setting up of Greenfield and Brownfield urea projects

*138. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the proposals received for setting up of Greenfield and Brownfield urea manufacturing projects after amending the New Investment Policy;

(b) to what extent the new Policy is helping in making the country self-sufficient in urea production;

(c) the demand and supply of urea in the country, State-wise, and production and import of urea in the last three years, year-wise and company-wise; and

(d) by when Ramagundam Fertilizer Plant will be operational and what would be its expected capacity?

Policy to increase prices of urea by a fixed percentage

*139. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to increase prices of urea by a fixed percentage every year, if so, the details thereof and the timeline for its implementation;

(b) whether Government plans to introduce Direct Benefit Transfer for fertilizer subsidy to small, marginal and medium farmers in some States, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Strength of judges and availability of rooms in Subordinate Courts

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the number of rooms available *vis-a-vis* the number of judges in the Subordinate Courts across the country are not adequate, as a result of which, they are not able to work properly;

(b) the details of the sanctioned strength of judges at Subordinate Courts across the country, the vacant posts thereof and the number of rooms available to accommodate them; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the desired number of rooms are constructed at the earliest?

Creation of Non-Fare Revenue Directorate by Railways

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have created a separate Non-Fare Revenue Directorate to find ways for generating substantial revenue from sources other than passenger fares and freight;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways are firming up a proposal to sell the garbage generated at stations across the country; and

(c) if so, whether the said Directorate has come out with any other plan for revenue generation, if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Independent High Courts for States

*142. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of States which are yet to get their own High Court;
- (b) the requests received from the State Governments in this regard; and
- (c) Government's reaction thereto?

Implementation of stock limit on storage of pulses

*143. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of pulses seized from illegal hoarders across the country, especially in Maharashtra and Gujarat and the rate at which these commodities were imported by traders;
- (b) the States that have not implemented the stock limit on storage of pulses since 2012; and
- (c) whether any action is being taken by Government against the State Governments which have not implemented the said stock limit, if so, the details thereof?

Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani train

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to increase the frequency of Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani train and run it daily;

(b) whether steps are being taken to improve the service of Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani train, including replacement of old coaches, etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame within which improvements are proposed to be effected; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in prices of food items despite their sufficient availability

†*145. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of the current retail inflation, Government would rein in retail inflation by March, 2017;
- (b) whether it is a fact that many a times, despite sufficient availability of food items, the retail inflation still remains high; and
- (c) the reasons for not being able to contain wholesale and retail inflation as per estimates time and again?

Wastage of foodgrains

*146. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of wastage of foodgrains permitted in the supply chain from the source *i.e.* godown to the public distribution outlets;
- (b) whether the actual wastage is within the permissible limits; and

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(c) if not, details of the excess wastage of foodgrains occurring during the years 2012-15, year-wise?

Capping the prices of drugs

*147. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently capped prices of some drugs used in treatment of various ailments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of impact thereof in terms of price reduction for each scheduled formulation; and

(c) the details of efforts made by Government to ensure that all essential drugs, including antibiotics, are made available to the general public at cheaper price?

Identification of fake ration cards

*148. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the digitization of ration cards has helped the Government to weed out crores of fake ration cards, thereby plugging the leakage of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the number of ration cards in the country and fake ration cards identified during the last two years; and

(c) by when will the National Food Security scheme become fully technology-driven, the details thereof?

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Import of pulses

*149. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to import pulses in coming months to contain their rising prices in domestic market;

(b) if so, details thereof indicating quantity of each pulse to be imported and its import price, per tonne;

(c) the total estimated landing cost of these imported pulses and the approximate selling price of these pulses in retail market;

(d) whether Government has any plan to boost cultivation of Dalhan in the country, if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has any proposal to increase the Minimum Support Price of pulses at par with landing cost of these imported pulses?

Railway track from Jaisalmer to Kandla

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

(a) when was the survey for railway line from Jaisalmer in Rajasthan to Kandla in Gujarat *via* Barmer was conducted and the current status of the survey;

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to lay the tracks on this railway line, if so, by when; and

(c) the total amount spent on this project, so far?

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