

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, February 12, 2021/ 23 Magha, 1942 (Saka)

(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Commerce and Industry; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Panchayati Raj; Railways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship)

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Growth rate of agriculture

1281 # Smt. Sampatiya Uikey:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to double the farmers' income by 2022 and the fund allocated for the same during last five years, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the current growth rate of agriculture sector;
- (c) the percentage of growth rate of agriculture sector which has to be achieved in order to double the farmers' income; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to achieve the said rate for agriculture sector?

Price realization by farmers

1282 Smt. Ambika Soni:

Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the average market prices realized by the farmers for the main agricultural and horticultural crops since 2016, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the difference between the prices realized and the MSPs announced by Government, State-wise and year-wise since 2016 along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the impact of the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme in addressing this problem?

Assistance to farmers affected by floods and COVID-19 pandemic

1283 Shri K.T.S. Tulsi:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps, if any, taken by Government to assist farmers affected by floods and the COVID-19 pandemic in the last one year, the details thereof, State-wise; and
 (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Farm mechanisation in the country

1284 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of farm mechanisation in different States of the country;
 (b) the current level of mechanisation in different types of agricultural activities in cultivation of major crops;
 (c) the volume and value of different types of farm equipment imported and exported;
 (d) the initiatives Government has taken to become self reliant in farm equipment;
 (e) to what extent farmers are financed for the purchase of farm equipment; and
 (f) the reasons for not providing Agriculture Infrastructure Fund loans for purchase of farm equipment like tractors, combine harvesters, etc.?

Crop loss due to excess rains in Tamil Nadu

1285 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that Tamil Nadu farmers suffered massive crop loss due to excess rain recently in Cauvery delta region;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether any survey has been done to assess the damage caused;
 (d) whether any compensation or crop insurance is proposed to be provided to the farmers due to the massive loss, as they lost the summer crop;
 (e) if so, the details thereof; and
 (f) if not, the reason therefor?

Erosion of top soil and boulders at Darjeeling-Sikkim Himalayan Range

1286 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 250 million metric tons of valuable top soil and boulders are annually being washed down to the rivers and valleys from Darjeeling-Sikkim Himalayan Range as reported by the Task Force set up by the Central Government around 1980;
 (b) whether Government is aware that annual erosion of valuable top soil and boulders would significantly affect agriculture in the hills;
 (c) whether this would ultimately lead to agricultural refugees; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far and if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of Soil Health Card scheme

1287 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States where Soil Health Card scheme has been implemented and name of five top and bottom States so far as percentage of farmers covered is concerned, State-wise; and
 (b) whether any study is undertaken by the Ministry to quantify the percentage gain in income of farmers due to soil health card based interventions, if so, the details thereof?

Farmers' demand to repeal the farm laws

1288 Shri Abdul Wahab:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the demands put forth by farmer union leaders during their meeting with Government;
- (b) the response of Government to the demands put forth by Kisan union leaders;
- (c) the reasons for imposing the farm laws by Government in spite of opposition of farmers; and
- (d) the reasons for not repealing the three farm laws by Government as demanded by the farming community?

Agri logistics systems in the country

1289 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a need to sync the supply-demand situation of agri produce in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is taking steps to ensure robust and integrated agri logistics systems in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has made adequate budgetary provision for the said purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Delivery of Crop Residue Management Machines

1290 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Shri Neeraj Dangi:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of crop-residue management machines sanctioned by the Ministry in 2019 and 2020, machine-type and State-wise;
- (b) the details of total number and types of machines identified for delivery to farmers in 2019 and 2020, State-wise;
- (c) the details of total number and type of machines delivered to farmers in 2019 and 2020, State-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for discrepancy, if any, between the planned amount and the delivered amounts for each year mentioned above, State-wise?

Measures to reduce loss to crops

1291 # Shri Narayan Rane:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any assessment/survey before and after the damage caused to crops during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to deal with the damage caused to crops and to reduce the extent thereof, in future?

Awareness on Agri-Business Incubation

1292 Shri Rajeev Satav:

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation;
- (b) the details of the number of Agri-Business Incubation Centres started under the said scheme in the country so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether these centres will encourage start-ups in agricultural and allied sectors;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated by Government under the said scheme during the last three years; and
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to create awareness among the farmers in rural and remote villages about the working of the said Agri-Business Incubation Centres?

Utilisation of World Bank loan for agriculture sector

1293 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had received loan from the World Bank for the development of agriculture sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the works undertaken and funds utilized during the last five years?

Implementation of National Food Security Mission

1294 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to increase agricultural land under irrigation so that the objective of the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has started development and distribution of high-yielding/hybrid seeds so that the objective of the NFSM is achieved;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilization of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

1295 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is strictly monitoring the utilization of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund for post-harvesting operations and community farming assets in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof since its inception, till December, 2020;
- (c) whether the Fund could also be availed for construction of warehouses and cold storages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds released for the purpose?

FPOs in Odisha

1296 **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of FPOs which have been registered in Odisha till date and how many of them have been linked with NABARD for getting necessary assistance; and
- (b) the number of FPOs in Odisha which have been given credit linkage from the banks, the details thereof?

Implementation of PMKSY in Madhya Pradesh

1297 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the date of inception of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh under the said scheme, year-wise;
- (c) the work on which the funds received have been used by Government of Madhya Pradesh, the details thereof, work-wise; and
- (d) the proposals of schemes of Government of Madhya Pradesh which are pending with the Central Government for approval and allocation?

Implementation of scheme for farmers

1298 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several measures have been taken by Government to boost the conditions of the farmer community in the country by implementing various schemes;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes implemented/likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the number of farmers in the country benefited by these schemes?

Status of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization Scheme

1299 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount released under the “Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization” scheme from the years 2018-19 till present;
- (b) the percentage of these funds being utilised through Custom Hiring Centres in the current financial year; and
- (c) the funds allocated under the “Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization” scheme allocated to the State of Punjab in the current financial year?

Development of horticulture and floriculture in the country

1300 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Central Government for the development of horticulture and floriculture in the country;
- (b) the assistance provided to each State for the purpose during the last three years and the current financial year;
- (c) the rise in the production in these sectors recorded as a result thereof; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned through export of flowers during the said period?

Impact of COVID-19 on agriculture

1301 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of overall impact of COVID-19 and the consequent lockdown on the agricultural sector of the country;
- (b) the details of quantum of downturn in the rate of agricultural growth in the current fiscal as compared to the same period in the past five years i.e. 2016-2020; and
- (c) the details of impact of COVID-19 on the incomes of small and marginal farmers due to nation-wide lockdown?

Disbursal of funds to ineligible farmers under PM-KISAN scheme

1302 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several fraudulent cases have been reported in various States including Bihar where the Centre has paid ₹ 1,364 crores to more than 20 lakh ineligible farmers and income tax payee farmers, while many other deserving ones have been left out under PM-KISAN scheme;
- (b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to identify and punish the defaulters who were involved in this scam; and
- (d) the steps taken to recover the funds transferred to undeserving accounts and transfer it back to the correct beneficiaries and prevent such instances in future?

Registration of Bihar under e-NAM portal

1303 # **Shri Vivek Thakur:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bihar is listed in the e-NAM registration form on the website/portal of National Agricultural Market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on 'Myth-busting on Farm Laws' publicity

1304 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total expenditure incurred on Government's 'Myth-busting on Farm Laws' publicity campaign in the country between September 2020 and January 2021;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred on Government's 'Myth-busting on Farm Laws' publicity campaign overseas between September 2020 and January 2021; and
- (c) the details of all Government departments, agencies, and Indian embassies overseas which were asked to share and publicize the 'Myth-busting on Farm Laws' publicity campaign?

Consultation on farm laws

1305 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pre-legislative Consultation Policy (PLCP) was followed by Government prior to introducing the farm laws in Parliament;
- (b) if so, details thereof including the date each proposed Act was placed in public domain prior to their introduction;
- (c) whether Government, in an affidavit filed before the Supreme Court on January 11, 2021, claimed that serious, sincere and constructive efforts were made by Central Government to engage with the limited number of protesting farmers who are opposing the Act prior to introducing the farm laws in Parliament; and
- (d) if so, details thereof, including the date of such efforts?

Allocation of funds for PMFBY and PMKSY

1306 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noticed media report that the Ministry of Finance refused the demand to increase the agricultural budgetary allocation many times, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has demanded such increase, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of fund allocated to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) during 2016-2020, year-wise?

Research undertaken by agricultural institutions

1307 **Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Agricultural Universities and Institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the country;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the quality of research undertaken by these institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Health hazards from unseasonal vegetables

1308 **Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether unseasonal vegetables are injurious to health as they contain more than 10 PPM pesticides; and
- (b) if so, the measures being taken to check it?

Delay in releasing of funds under PMFBY

1309 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of inordinate delay in the release funds by the Central and State Governments for payment to the farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal

Bhima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds released during the past two years, particularly to the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the reasons for the delay and the steps being taken for early release of funds?

Measures to improve work culture and transparency

1310 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any kind of new and innovative measures have been initiated by the Ministry and/or especially its various departments, public sector undertakings and autonomous bodies concerned, in order to improve work culture, increase transparency and accountability and also to achieve better results during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of the said measures?

Disillusionment of farmers against PMFBY

1311 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Smt. Sampatiya Uikey:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether insurance companies refuse to settle claims of farmers stating that insurance amount has not been paid by banks, even after insurance amount has been deducted from bank account of farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) details of such cases since 2017, so far;

(c) whether many States are opting out of this scheme and the details of such States;

(d) whether farmers are getting disillusioned with this scheme due to which less number of farmers are taking insurance; and

(e) number of farmers who have taken insurance cover, since 2017 till date, year-wise and State-wise?

Compensation to farmers for crop loss due to unseasonal climate.

1312 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fund has been provided by the Central Government to the States as compensation or special financial assistance for affected farmers who lost their crops due to unseasonal climate change;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Central Government is providing any other kind of assistance to the farmers in resolving the issue;

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

(f) the number of farmers who have been given compensation during the last three years till date, State-wise?

Compensation to farmers for crop loss due to natural calamities

1313 **Shri Shwait Malik:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the compensation provided to farmers for crop loss due to natural calamities in the last three years and current year in Punjab, year-wise and district-wise; and
- (b) whether Government is planning to revise the compensation provided for crop loss due to natural calamities to make the relief provided consistent with the average monthly incomes of farmers in the country?

Time-bound proposal to overcome farmers' protest

1314 **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of time-bound proposal of Government to overcome the struggle of farmers to get their lives back on track; and
- (b) the details of rehabilitation and support extended during the last two months to the families and children of farmers who died during this ongoing protest?

Policy for women farmers

1315 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a demand for debt liberation for women farmers in farm suicide families from civil society groups like MAKAAAM, in addition to a demand for a separate policy for such women farmers;
- (b) if so, proposals of Central Government to ensure a uniform policy of support for such farm suicide families including debt liberation for survivors in the family, State-wise;
- (c) whether 'housewife' category of suicides recorded in country hides suicides of women farmers in the country; and
- (d) whether the definition of farmer, as given in National Policy for Farmers 2007, is adopted?

Problems associated with the Pesticide Management Bill, 2020

1316 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government finds it reasonable to allow manufacture and export of domestically banned pesticides to other countries approving their use;
- (b) if so, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it recognizes the adverse effects to the pesticides industry due to Pesticide Management Bill (PMB) mandate requiring re-registration by a manufacturer after every two years, and if it sees fit to relax these mandates;
- (d) if so, reasons therefor;
- (e) whether is a fact that the Bill vests unbridled power in the Registration Committee to review the registration of a pesticide and suspend, cancel or ban it without scientific basis; and
- (f) if so, reasons therefor?

Suicides by farmers

1317 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

the total number of suicides by farmers in the country due to agricultural reasons over the past five years, year-wise and State-wise?

Approval of COVID-19 vaccine prices

1318 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Shri Digvijaya Singh:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Covishield and Covaxin vaccines have been approved by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to reduce dependence on imports for APIs and intermediaries

1319 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to reduce dependence on imports for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and intermediaries in Indian pharmaceutical industry during the last three quarters; and

(b) the steps taken by or the plans prepared by the Ministry and the concerned Departments to engage with the relevant stakeholders to achieve self dependency in this sector?

Increase in number of cancer patients

1320 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of cancer patients have increased in the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to develop anti-cancer drugs to mitigate the problems of patients;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government is taking measures to cap the prices of cancer drugs to make them affordable to cancer patients; and

(f) if so, the response of Government in this regard, the details thereof?

India's share in global trade of generic pharmaceuticals

1321 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's share in the global trade of generic pharmaceuticals;

(b) the total quantity and value of the production of generic pharmaceuticals along with the

quantity and value of such products exported and imported during the last three years and the current year, category-wise; and

(c) the share of generic and non-generic medicines in the total sales of medicines in the country, including Government hospitals?

Deferral of import certification requirements

1322 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has temporarily deferred import certification requirements for certain chemicals and fertilizers;

(b) if so, the factors necessitating this action;

(c) the intended end-date of this deferral;

(d) the intended benefits of this initiative; and

(e) by when Government believes Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) would be able to effectively complete the certifications once the deferral period has ended?

Manufacturing of drugs and medicines

1323 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

(a) the units under the Central/State Governments that control manufacturing of drugs and medicines in the country;

(b) the details of drugs they are manufacturing for the last five years, their profit and loss during the same period; and

(c) whether there are any private units that are competing with them, the details thereof?

Increase in the price of medicines used for COVID-19 treatment

1324 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of the reports about increase in the price of the medicines used for COVID-19 treatment such as the blood thinner 'Heparin';

(b) if so, the reason for price rise of medicines such as 'Heparin'; and

(c) whether any concrete measures are taken to address the price rise of such medicines used for COVID-19 treatment?

Chemical fertilizers at MRP

1325 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether chemical fertilizers under the subsidy regime are made available to the farmers at the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) fixed by Government;

(b) whether the fertilizers are not being provided by the agents at the price fixed for farmers and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether lower global price of nutrients as well as inputs/intermediates such as ammonia, phosphoric acid and sulfur has not translated into cheaper fertilizers for Indian farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years including for DAP, MOP and urea and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Recent revision of pricing norms by NPPA

1326 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) has recently revised the pricing norms of some medicines in the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) list and if so, the reasons for the same;
- (b) if so, whether it would not be costing more to the consumers who are already in stress due to high inflation and price rise in essential commodities, especially during the last six months; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this revision has been done by NPPA on the demands of big pharma companies and if so, the details thereof?

Fertilizer shops at village level

1327 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry plans to start fertilizer shops at village level during cropping season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chemical Promotion and Development Scheme

1328 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would like to share the amount spent for advertising Chemical Promotion and Development Scheme (CPDS); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the amount spent from 2016 till date?

Proposal to set up new Janaushadhi Kendras in Jharkhand

1329 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to open more Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras in Jharkhand so that medicines can be made available to people at affordable prices; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

PLI scheme for bulk drugs and medical devices

1330 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received a favourable response from the pharmaceutical sector for the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for bulk drugs and for medical devices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how many applications have been received and whether Government has appointed a project management agency for this scheme, the details thereof?

Janaushadhi stores at railway stations

1331 Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to establish healthcare centres along with Janaushadhi stores at various railway stations of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Equalisation Levy

1332 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri Digvijaya Singh:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that US has determined that India's Digital Services Tax (Equalisation Levy 2.0) is discriminatory and has an adverse impact on American commerce;
- (b) whether Government has received communications or representations from relevant authorities in US regarding the same;
- (c) whether Government is prepared to tackle potential action being taken against India under the US Trade Act;
- (d) whether Government is taking steps to remedy the concerns raised;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the quantum of funds raised through the levy till January, 2021, country-wise?

Setting up of manufacturing units in India

1333 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many industries, which went out of China, post-Covid, have set up manufacturing units in India;
- (b) the proportion of total such investments in India to the total manufacturing investments in the South Asian region;
- (c) whether India's investment numbers are much lower compared to those of Bangladesh or Vietnam; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Foreign investment in Karnataka

1334 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total foreign investment in the State of Karnataka in the year 2020;
- (b) how many projects have been setup in the State under the 'plug and play' model in that year; and
- (c) the details of investments and 'plug and play' models in the State over the last five years?

FTA with US

1335 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of plans of Ministry to enter into FTA with the US;
- (b) whether discussions in this regard were also held between Minister of Commerce and the US Secretary of State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that US was pushing for a deal before the Presidential elections in the US; and
- (e) if so, details of benefits that India can push in view of US showing urgency, more particularly with reference to Generalised System of Preferences and exemption from high duties on some of the Indian goods, such as steel, aluminium, etc.?

Make in India 2.0 initiative

1336 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) with the success of Make in India, whether the Ministry has started Make in India 2.0 initiative;
- (b) if so, the salient features of Make in India 2.0 and how 2.0 is different from the original one;
- (c) the details of manufacturing and service sectors identified for push in 2.0; and
- (d) the success achieved in international cooperation in 1.0 of Make in India and the details of outreach activities planned in 2.0 so as to attract FDI by improving ease of doing business in the country?

Smooth supply of cost effective raw material

1337 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the raw material produced in India has become dearer after India put a ban on import from China during Corona pandemic; and
- (b) if so, the action being taken to ensure smooth supply of cost effective raw material under Make in India programme and the future schemes under consideration in this regard, the details thereof?

Audit Committee for GeM

1338 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps in establishing an Audit Committee, overlooking the income and expenditures of Government e Marketplace (GeM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof of Members, selection process undertaken in selection of Members and the minutes of each meeting held; and
- (c) if not, the reasons as to how GeM is allowed to fix remuneration in terms of 0.5 per cent of all Government expenditure and collect money for all supplies made to Government, as per GFR?

Digital Services Tax

1339 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would take any action in response to the recent finding of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) that India's Digital Services Tax (DST) is

unreasonable and discriminatory; and

(b) whether Government is involved in consultations with the USTR to address these concerns?

Mandatory Government nod on FDI proposals from countries sharing boundary with India

1340 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has raised the matter of the Ministry's imposition of mandatory Government nod on FDI proposals from countries which have boundaries with India; and

(b) if so, how Ministry looks at the scenario and defend the decision by exposing China, as how its policies and programmes are threatening the sovereignty and security of India?

Decline in core sector output

1341 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Core Sector output declined year-on-year on cumulative basis between March and December 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which sectors have recorded maximum negative growth year-on-year in 2020;

(d) whether specific measures have been taken to boost production and output in these sectors, especially Cement and Steel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Coffee Homes

1342 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coffee Homes set up in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up Coffee Homes in every district of Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Issues raised by China on new FDI policy

1343 **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has recently expressed its 'deep concern' over the recent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy changes initiated by Government;

(b) if so, whether China has also raised this issue in WTO; and

(c) if so, how does Government plan to react on such issues?

Support to returnees from Gulf countries

1344 **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to support those who have returned to India from Gulf countries after being laid off due to COVID-19 pandemic;

- (b) if so, the steps taken to utilise their skills for the development of the country; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is planning to introduce any skill development scheme to enhance their potential and seek jobs after remigration to other countries?

Plight of Pepper farmers

1345 Shri K.K. Ragesh:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has noticed that the Pepper farmers are affected by higher cost of production, lower price realization and cheap imports;
- (b) if so, whether any special package for Pepper farmers is under consideration; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Import of rice bran oil

1346 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of rice bran oil imported from 2016 till date, by country and year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has received any petitions from Indian rice bran processors against such imports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) Government's opinion on whether Indian rice bran oil processors are able to compete with rice bran oil imports at zero duty;
- (e) whether Government has taken, or intends to take, measures to support Indian rice bran oil processors; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Control and regulation of e-Commerce platform

1347 Shri K. Somaprasad:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any legal mechanism is in force to control and regulate the e-Commerce platform, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has noticed the allegations of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) raised against Amazon and Flipkart;
- (c) if so, the action taken on the complaint; and
- (d) whether Enforcement Directorate or RBI have initiated any investigation on the allegation of violation of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy and FEMA in the deal between Flipkart and Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail, if so, the details thereof?

Industrial Corridors in the country

1348 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is developing Industrial Corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of proposed developmental activities thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the role of State and Central Governments in the development of the said Industrial Corridors; and
- (d) the details of amount allocated, released and spent on the development of the said Corridors, especially in Bihar?

District Export Hubs

1349 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 'District Export Hubs' initiative is going to be a part of the new Foreign Trade Policy (FTP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken inputs from various State Governments regarding this initiative;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the list of districts proposed to be selected from the State of Andhra Pradesh under this initiative?

Infrastructure projects

1350 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government recently cleared ₹ 12,000 crore infrastructure projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how many millions of jobs it is likely to create and in what time;
- (d) whether Industrial Corridor nodes in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka along the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor would also get the funding; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and by what time the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor would be ready?

Initiatives for industrialisation of tribal and backward areas of Tamil Nadu

1351 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any special initiatives to ensure industrialisation in the tribal/backward areas of Tamil Nadu by setting up of industry for economic development and generation of employment in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any other steps have been taken by Government to increase trade in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the funds allocated/ released and utilised during the last three years and the current year?

Low flow of exports during COVID-19

1352 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has experienced a low flow of exports due to Coronavirus pandemic, the quarter-wise data for 2020-21; and
- (b) if so, the list of commodities where exports suffered highly?

Sale of pirated and counterfeit goods in Indian marketplaces

1353 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the '2020 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy', issued by the Office of the US Trade Representative which noted that four Indian marketplaces, including an e-Commerce site, are mentioned in the list of notorious markets for sale of pirated and counterfeit goods;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry is taking steps to address these findings;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details in terms of volume and monetary value of pirated and counterfeit goods seized/taken down that were being sold on e-Commerce platforms since 2016, year-wise and platform-wise?

Implementation of schemes for preventing wastage of food

1354 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some schemes are either ongoing or are under consideration by Government under the 'Make in India' to prevent food wastage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether any plans are under consideration in this regard?

Payment of dues to sugarcane growing farmers

1355 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) amount released by Government to sugar mills towards payment of outstanding dues to sugarcane farmers during last five years;
- (b) number of farmers who have been paid their dues with interest under rules of Central Sugarcane Order during last five years;
- (c) whether year by year the dues of farmers are not being paid in time by mill owners;
- (d) keeping in view tendency of non-payment to farmers by mill owners, steps taken by Government and its outcome;
- (e) details of outstanding amount, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (f) whether Government would consider the proposal to credit payment dues directly into accounts of farmers?

Procurement of rice

1356 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Smt. Sampatiya Uikey:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the procurement of rice for Central Pool during the last five years along with the quantum of rice and rate at which it is procured from States, State-wise and rate-wise; and
- (b) the quantum of total rice production in these States?

Distribution of foodgrains during lockdown

1357 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of foodgrains supplied through PDS by the Central Government during lockdown, State-wise;
- (b) the total quantity of foodgrains in the stock of FCI as on 01-01-2021 and whether Government is ready to distribute this stock to the BPL families and migrant labourers;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to provide food and foodgrains to families who do not have ration card or not registered in PDS along with the Central aid provided in this regard, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government is envisaging any famine or food shortage in the near future, if so, the measures taken/to be taken in this regard?

Measures to contain bogus ration cards

1358 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that shop owners have created a large number of bogus ration cards or ghost cards to sell foodgrains in the open market; and
- (b) if so, the measures that have been taken to restrict this illegal activity?

Standards for home appliances

1359 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to prescribe minimum standards for the entire range of home appliances as Bureau of Standards (BIS) has brought fresh standards for certain home appliances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to introduce rating of home appliances to demonstrate their relative quality as per accepted international standards for the benefit of consumers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Wastage of foodgrains due to non-availability of storage facilities

1360 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total warehousing capacity in the country and the food items stored in these warehouses;
- (b) the foodgrain production in the country (wheat, rice, etc.) during the last five years;
- (c) whether storage capacity in the country is sufficient to keep all the foodgrains; and
- (d) the foodgrains destroyed during last five years due to non-availability of storage facility?

Consumer redressal on efficacy of COVID-19 vaccine

1361 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

whether individuals are allowed to approach the Consumer Redressal Forum mechanism for issues relating to the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccine administered to them by vaccine manufacturers?

Beneficiaries of PDS and PMGKAY

1362 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of eligible citizens, including inter-state migrants, who utilised PDS in 2019-2020, State-wise; and
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) in 2019-2020, State-wise?

Distribution of foodgrains under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

1363 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set by Government to distribute free foodgrains to migrant workers under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan;
- (b) the total quantum of foodgrains that have been lifted and distributed by the States to identified migrant workers;
- (c) whether free foodgrains for migrant labourers under this Scheme have reached only 31 per cent of the intended beneficiaries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Misleading advertisements

1364 **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government is aware that a large number of misleading advertisements, particularly of health products were shown in electronic and print media in

the country, especially during the COVID-19 outbreak;

(b) if so, whether the Central Consumer Protection Authority has ever assessed the impact of such misleading advertisements on consumers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government now proposes to regulate such advertisements keeping in view the advertising codes in developed countries?

Storage capacity of FCI

1365 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

(a) the present storage capacity and the percentage of capacity being utilised by FCI;

(b) whether Government hires private godowns to store foodgrains in the country; and

(c) if so, the rent spent on private godowns during the last three years?

Payment of outstanding amount to farmers for sugarcane

1366 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar during last year, State-wise;

(b) whether there is MSP for purchase of sugarcane; and

(c) the amount outstanding to be paid to farmers as on 1st January, 2021?

Lifting of parboiled rice from Odisha

1367 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the Central Government deciding not to procure parboiled rice from Odisha in the upcoming rabi season 2020-21 and limiting procurement to 50 per cent of last year FCI delivery in case of kharif season;

(b) whether the Central Government has assessed the loss which the State of Odisha will incur in case the above is implemented;

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

(d) the measures Government is taking to lift 30 lakh metric tonne rice from Odisha for the year 2020-21?

Non-payment of food subsidy to Odisha under DCP scheme

1368 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of food subsidy pending to Odisha under the Decentralized Procurement (DCP) scheme and by when the State can expect to receive the subsidy; and

(b) the details of the loss of subsidy which Odisha will incur due to limited procurement of parboiled rice in the kharif season and the manner in which the Central Government intends to meet the revenue loss to the State?

Coverage under NFSA in Rajasthan

1369 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken into note that the percentage of population in rural areas covered in States like Rajasthan under National Food Security Act (NFSA) is comparatively low compared to other States;
- (b) whether Government has received any representation from Government of Rajasthan for re-assessing the percentage of coverage under NFSA in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when Government would review the percentage of beneficiary coverage of the State under NFSA?

Minimizing leakages in PDS

1370 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to minimize leakage in Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) for Antyodaya, BPL and APL ration card holders;
- (b) whether there are any change in the distribution of PDS ration after the introduction of Aadhaar linking and Biometric authentication; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of PMGKAY during COVID-19 pandemic

1371 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds set out for the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) since its inception, till date;
- (b) the details regarding implementation of PMGKAY during COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries of PMGKAY in 2020?

Exclusion of beneficiaries from PMGKAY

1372 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of exclusion of beneficiaries from Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) due to outdated census and biometric identification errors have come to light;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to include these beneficiaries?

Requirement of godowns in the country

1373 # **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total debt of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the amount of funds provided by Government during last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether godowns have been constructed by Government, if so, the number of such godowns and the number of godowns further required; and
- (c) the storage capacity of private godowns in the country and amount of grant/assistance provided by Government for construction of private godowns, State-wise?

Waste generation from animal husbandry sector

1374 Shri Dinesh Trivedi:

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the waste generated by animal husbandry sector in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the amount of this waste that is utilized as manure and as bio-gas; and
- (c) the steps undertaken by Government to treat the remaining waste generated from the sector?

Impact of Avian Flu on poultry industry

1375 Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi:

Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has studied the impact of Avian Flu on the poultry industry in financial terms across the country;
- (b) the States that have been badly hit and their details thereof;
- (c) whether Government plans to compensate poultry farmers for the huge losses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

New projects under PMMSY in Gujarat

1376 Shri Narhari Amin:

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the new projects taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in Gujarat that has a 1600 kilometer coastal line;
- (b) the steps taken for seaweed development; and
- (c) the steps taken in respect of special fisheries export ports?

Comprehensive policy for development of animal husbandry sector

1377 Shri Narhari Amin:

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced comprehensive policy for development of animal husbandry sector;
- (b) the steps taken for sheep, goat, horse and camel development in the State of Gujarat; and
- (c) the steps taken for poultry development in the State of Gujarat?

Central sheep training institute in Telangana

1378 Dr. Banda Prakash:

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a high demand for sheep meat and manure and that

sheep rearing also provides huge employment opportunities for the poor;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that sheep rearing is not being done in a scientific manner and many shepherds are following the old, obsolete and outdated practices resulting in poor profitability;

(c) whether Government is considering setting up of Central Sheep Training Institute in Telangana to address the above issues; and

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

Number of birds killed in the recent bird flu

1379 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of birds killed in the country during the recent bird flu and the estimated loss to poultry farm industry in the country;

(b) whether Government has done any investigation regarding the bird flu becoming a frequent menace in the country ; and

(c) the findings of the Central Expert Team that visited Kerala at the start of the latest menace to assess and investigate?

Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme

1380 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has furnished proposals amounting to ₹8389.4793 lakhs during the year 2010-11 and 2011-12 under Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development scheme;

(b) if so, how many proposals were sanctioned and their amount; and

(c) by when the pending proposals would be considered by the Central Government for sanctioning?

Scheme to check wandering stray animals

1381 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to check the increasing number of stray animals wandering around;

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

(c) the situation in the State of Goa in this regard, the details thereof?

Pollution caused by dairy farms

1382 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the pollution caused by dairy farms in the country, the details thereof; and

(b) whether National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued any direction to all Pollution Control Boards in all the States in this regard, the details thereof?

Status of deep sea fishing project

1383 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that pursuant to the Joint Working Group on Fisheries, formed by India and Sri Lanka in November 2016, Government had launched a project to promote deep-sea fishing by providing 2,000 deep-sea fishing boats, costing ₹ 1,600 crore, to replace trawlers in three years; and
- (b) the details of the number of deep sea boats provided under the said project and the expenditure incurred towards execution of the said project till date?

Impact of Corona on fisheries sector

1384 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) the impact of Corona on fisheries sector, particularly on exports;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made about the losses that fisheries sector suffered due to COVID-19;
- (c) if so, the details thereof in the first five months of the current financial year, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether any help has been given to aquaculture sector under Atmanirbhar Bharat package;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) how Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is helping aquaculture sector to recover from the crisis caused by the pandemic?

Cold storage facilities in Tamil Nadu

1385 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cold storages set up for storing perishable commodities, processed food items, poultry meat, sea food etc., in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether there is shortage of cold storage facilities in each district;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to establish more cold storages, including in the PPP mode, the details thereof?

Reasons for FPI sector being unattractive for FDI

1386 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for international food processing industries not coming forward to invest in India despite of allowing 100 per cent FDI;
- (b) the reasons for India being less attractive than China and other countries that take away all FDI into their countries;
- (c) the manner in which the Ministry is planning to provide facilities so that large companies like Tesco, Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer, etc., would come and invest in India; and
- (d) the details of recent consultations with retail and food processing companies of UK to attract FDI into the sector?

Permission for new food processing industries

1387 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of ***Food Processing Industries*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given any permission for new food processing industries in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of permission given in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has given any public sector food processing industry to any private company in the last five years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Operation Greens

1388 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**

Will the Minister of ***Food Processing Industries*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing "Operation Greens" for the benefit of farmers and consumers in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has launched a new scheme under Operation Greens, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of fruits and vegetables which are eligible for subsidy under the new scheme;
- (d) the fund allocated for implementation of Operation Greens during the last year, and the current year; and
- (e) by when the above scheme/plan would be implemented in the country, State-wise?

Food testing and certification labs in Odisha

1389 **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav:**

Will the Minister of ***Food Processing Industries*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of food testing and certification labs in Odisha, the names and detailed address thereof; and
- (b) the schemes implemented to promote establishment of food processing industries for spices, fruits and vegetables in Odisha?

Projects under PMKSY

1390 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of ***Food Processing Industries*** be pleased to state:

the number of projects Government is operating under the Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure and Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), the details thereof?

List of schemes for West Bengal

1391 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

Will the Minister of ***Panchayati Raj*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the Panchayat related matters totally falling within the jurisdiction of States;
- (b) the list of programmes, projects and schemes initiated by the Ministry for the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the list of programmes, projects and schemes initiated by the Ministry in the State of West Bengal in the last three years; and

(d) the financial assistance earmarked so far for the State of West Bengal in the last three years?

Development of Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu

1392 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken against Government of Tamil Nadu for not conducting elections to all local bodies, especially in urban and cities, since 2016, and how funds are released without constitution of local bodies for four years, if so, details thereof;
- (b) details of the funds allocated/sanctioned by Ministry for development of Panchayats village, intermediate districts, in Tamil Nadu, since 2016;
- (c) whether Government has modernised/computerised all Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu, details of funds sanctioned and disbursed; and
- (d) details of number of Gram Panchayats computerised and those which are still to be computerised in Tamil Nadu?

Implementation of PESA

1393 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the States which have not yet enacted rules/ provisions/ laws for the implementation of the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA), so far;
- (b) the States where tribal population is relatively high; and
- (c) the States which have not yet made compatible laws in compliance with Section 4(K), 4(L), 4(E)(iii) of the PESA?

Women Sarpanch in the country

1394 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise number of women Sarpanch in the country;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted for the development of women in rural areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of schemes formulated by Government at present for empowerment of rural women?

Loss of jobs due to rollout of digital initiatives

1395 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted by Railways on loss of jobs due to rollout of digital initiatives, such as installation of LCD and palmtop with Chinese component in place of 100 per cent Indian paper product;
- (b) if so, the details of the study and the policy implemented along with individual specific details for rehabilitation of each entrepreneur and workers who have lost their livelihood; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for such a policy being implemented without conducting an impact study on trade deficit, domestic unemployment and repercussions, such as NPA of impacted industries?

Examinations by Railway Recruitment Board

1396 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many recruitment Notifications were released by RRB in last three years, details of each Notification with date, number of posts, number of candidates applied and selected;
- (b) whether examinations have been conducted for all the Notifications of RRB, details of such Notifications for which examination has not been conducted and expected date for exams in each advertisement;
- (c) details of recruitment examinations conducted by RRB where final result is announced and passed candidates are employed during this period; and
- (d) year-wise data on number of persons recruited to Railways through RRB and number of contractual appointments for the last five years?

Doubling and electrification of Muzaffarpur to Valmiki Nagar railway line

1397 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved ₹1397.61 crore and ₹1381.49 crore scheme for doubling and electrification of 106 km long railway line from Muzaffarpur to Sagauli and 109.7 km railway line from Sagauli to Valmiki Nagar respectively; and
- (b) if so, the details of progress made so far, and by when Government proposes to complete this scheme?

Integration of procurement process of Railways with GeM

1398 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways had announced that it would integrate its procurement process with the Government e Marketplace (GeM);
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Railways spends ₹ 70,000 crore on procurement and its integration would save ₹ 10,000 crore per year; and
- (c) if so, how much procurement has taken place via GeM and how much saving is anticipated?

Allocation of funds for Akkannapet-Medak railway line

1399 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated for Akkannapet-Medak new line during the last three years in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of funds released by Railways for Akkannapet-Medak new line project during the last three years;
- (c) the details of funds utilized during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of funds released and unspent?

Survey for East Coast railway line

1400 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted for East Coast railway line connecting Chennai

to Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, the amount allocated and the time-frame for completion of the project;

(c) whether there are many long pending projects, especially in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for completion of the projects?

Status of Nadikudi-Srikalahasti project

1401 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Nadikudi-Srikalahasti new railway line project in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds earmarked for this project;

(c) the details of funds released so far, year-wise; and

(d) the tentative time by which the railway project would be completed?

Railway works in Tamil Nadu

1402 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Shri K.P. Munusamy:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of the pending works related to new railway lines, doublings, conversion of railway lines as well as electrification in Tamil Nadu, since 2016;

(b) the details of funds allocated/sanctioned/spent on the above projects so far in Tamil Nadu, since 2016;

(c) whether Government has sanctioned any new routes within Tamil Nadu and beyond, including introduction of bullet train; and

(d) whether Government has fixed any targets for completion of the above projects?

Demand for continuation of Catering Policy, 2010

1403 **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain suggestions/demands have been received by Railways for continuation and implementation of Catering Policy, 2010 as well as withdrawal of modifications made in 2017 in respect of licensees of static units in railways for their livelihood;

(b) whether Akhil Bhartiya Railway Khan-Pan Licensees Welfare Association (Regd.) has given Memorandum/ letters on certain demands/ suggestions after issuing the Catering Policy, 2017 in this regard till date, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken or proposed to be taken by Railways for implementation of the demands/suggestions, if so, the details thereof?

Participation of private sector in modernization of railway stations

1404 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations developed by Government to provide world class facilities to the passengers across the country so far, Zone-wise;

(b) whether Government has sought participation of private sector in modernization of railway stations across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the private sector thereto;

(c) whether Railways have invited bids from private investors for modernization of stations

and if so, the details of offers received so far; and
 (d) whether Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with foreign countries in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Non-receipt of salary by Railway employees during COVID-19

1405 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of employees sent on leave without pay since March 2020 and how many of those have joined back;
- (b) how many Railway employees at present have not received salaries for more than one month since March 2020 and the total amount due, in Rupees, to be paid in pending salaries to Railway employees;
- (c) how many Railway employees have been infected by COVID-19 till now and how many of them have lost their lives due to COVID-19; and
- (d) how many COVID care centers are available for treatment of infected Railway employees and details of entity covering the cost of treatment?

Status of railway projects

1406 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of laying of new/ongoing railway line projects in the country, Zone and Division-wise;
- (b) the details of new railway lines laid during the last two years till date, Zone and Division-wise; and
- (c) the details of railway lines doubled during the last three years and the current financial year, so far, Zone and Division-wise?

Electrification of rail routes

1407 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rail routes electrified during the last three years, Zone and Division-wise;
- (b) the details of the present status of electrification of Allahabad-Varanasi-Chhapra rail route; and
- (c) the targeted date for completion of pending electrification of rail routes in the country, rail route-wise?

Action plan for safety of passengers

1408 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have formulated any action plan for the safety of train passengers and for curbing occurrence of criminal incidents; and
- (b) if so, the detailed outline of this action plan?

Running of private trains in Andhra Pradesh

1409 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of Government is drawn to the decision of Railways to run nearly 151 private trains across the country in 109 sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any sectors in Andhra Pradesh have been selected for this purpose, if so, the details thereof?

100th run of Kisan Rail

1410 # Shri Ram Shakal:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has flagged off the 100th "Kisan Rail" service to bring about changes to the agricultural based economy and to transport agricultural products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government wants to store perishable agricultural products at the railway station itself; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Railway connectivity in remote areas

1411 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country still lacks railway connectivity in remote regions due to which residents of these areas are deprived of railway services, leading to lack of development in these areas;
- (b) if so, details of such areas;
- (c) whether Government is likely to launch projects to provide rail connectivity to these remote areas of country, to boost economic development and improve people's lives;
- (d) if so, details thereof, State-wise, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the number of railway projects in the country for which survey has been conducted and approved but work is not underway, State-wise?

Status of doubling and electrification of railway tracks

1412 # Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of approved projects for doubling/electrification of railway tracks in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh, during the last three years;
- (b) the status of the ongoing projects for doubling and electrification of railway tracks;
- (c) the reasons for delay in these projects and by when these are expected to be completed; and
- (d) the steps taken by Railways to complete these projects early?

New railway line on Aurangabad route

1413 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are planning to start construction of new railway line on Aurangabad-Ahmednagar-Pune route; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Identification of routes for private trains

1414 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways plan to introduce private trains on its network in phases in 2023-24 financial year and all by 2027, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether railway routes have been identified and whether the identified routes have been recommended by experts having expertise in this field, the details thereof?

Running of local/ intra-State trains

1415 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of local/ intra-State trains running before March 2020 in the country;
- (b) the State-wise & year-wise details of the average monthly passengers travelling in local/ intra-State trains in last five years;
- (c) the State-wise details of the total local/ intra-State trains running in the month of January 2021;
- (d) when all other modes of transportation are almost functioning, the special reason to not start local/ intra-State trains in the country; and
- (e) by when Government is planning to make all local/ intra-State trains operational, the details thereof?

Upgradation of railway stations in West Bengal

1416 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of railway stations upgraded so far in the country, including West Bengal, under Adarsh Station Yojana;
- (b) whether Government has any plan for upgradation of all the stations in West Bengal under the said scheme;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under this scheme in the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the details of amenities and facilities provided/likely to be provided at these stations; and
- (e) the names of stations which are proposed to be upgraded as Model stations in future in the State of West Bengal?

Revenue generation during COVID period

1417 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of freight load between March, 2020 and January, 2021, month-wise and Zone-wise;
- (b) the details of profit/additional revenue that Railways could generate between March, 2020, and January, 2021, month-wise and Zone-wise;
- (c) to what extent additional revenue so generated offsets the loss Railways incurred due to COVID during the above period;
- (d) the details of revenue that Railways could earn through Shramik trains;
- (e) whether money for Shramik trains was paid by Railways or States; and

(f) if paid by States, the details of trains run and details of money paid by States, State-wise?

Loss of revenue due to agitations at platforms

1418 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways continue to lose revenue and freight-rakes could not be operated for carrying vital commodities due to various agitations/strikes including dharnas at platforms and near railway tracks in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years and the current year, till date, and the losses reported?

Allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1419 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

the allocation and utilisation of funds under different schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, details for the last three years, year-wise?

Boosting the rural economy post-Coronavirus pandemic

1420 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

the steps being taken by Government to boost the rural economy that is badly hit by Coronavirus pandemic?

Fluctuations in rural wages

1421 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the growth and/or fall rate of rural wages between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2021;

(b) whether growth rate of rural wages has declined during this period;

(c) the estimates, if any, of fall in growth rates due to COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020; and

(d) whether Government has taken steps to arrest fall in rural incomes through job creation and rural productivity schemes?

Status and development of SAGY

1422 **Shri Bikash Ranjan:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) has been executed effectively; and

(b) the status and development of the scheme in the present and previous years, State-wise?

Making PMSBY mandatory under MGNREGS

1423 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to make Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) mandatory for all Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to add/start any new programmes/schemes for the welfare of MGNREGS workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Works undertaken under MGNREGA

1424 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of mandays generated under MGNREGA for the years 2015-16 till present, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of assets generated during the years 2019-20 and 2020-21, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of afforestation work undertaken from the years 2015-16 till present;
- (d) the total number of new works registered under the scheme from the years 2018-19 till present; and
- (e) the total number of women, SC and ST beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise?

Land holdings of the SC/ST communities

1425 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages with no land holding of people belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities;
- (b) the percentage of land in India that is owned by SC and ST communities respectively;
- (c) the State-wise details of land procured by Government entities that was originally owned by a person from SC or ST community; and
- (d) the percentage of land owned by women that is classified as agricultural land and the details of policy measures taken if any, to convert it into non-farm sector land?

New watershed projects in Rajasthan under PMKSY

1426 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to sanction new watershed projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-Watershed Component) for rainfed agricultural areas in Rajasthan; and
- (b) if so, by when and if not, other schemes that intend to provide irrigation water to farmers in rainfed agricultural areas?

Usage of under utilized educational institutions for Skill India Mission

1427 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to use under-utilized educational institutions for Skill India Mission initiatives; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to rationalize and integrate physical infrastructure of the existing education system from schools to universities for developing facilities for the third

phase of the Skill India Mission?

Budget allocation for road construction under phase-II of PMGSY

1428 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of road construction works for which the budget amount has been allocated in phase-II of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) the road construction works for which budget amount has been allocated in respect of the State of Madhya Pradesh, the district-wise and road-wise details (in kilometres) and the amount allocated in Phase-II of PMGSY; and
- (c) the details of progress made so far for construction of roads in Goa and the number of pending road construction projects in Goa?

Supervision of major programmes under DISHA

1429 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Members of Parliament/other elected members are responsible for supervision of the major programmes under DISHA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether a quarterly meeting is held under DISHA to review various schemes, if so, State/UT-wise details of the outcome of such meetings and their reports thereof?

Stigma associated with TVET courses

1430 **Shri Dinesh Trivedi:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps undertaken by Government to tackle the stigma associated with Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses;
- (b) the reasons for low rates of enrolment and training completion by women at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs); and
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any research in this regard, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

MoU with Japan on training of skilled workers

1431 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Japan for training of skilled workers;
- (b) the benefits of bestowing the "Specific Skilled Worker" status on individual professionals;
- (c) the opportunities that the individuals would be able to access post training under the MoU; and
- (d) the industries that the workers would be able to enter into once they complete this training?

Skill development camps in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

1432 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any plan to start short term courses by organising skill development camps with the help of the administration in various districts in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry has any proposal to organise such camps?

Establishment of IISC

1433 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NSDC is planning to establish an India International Skill Centre (IISC) to provide skill training to those people who want to work abroad, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether MoU has been signed between India and Japan for cooperation in National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NSDC is working on a programme to send three lakh youths to Japan and whether they would be trained and sent for work, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other initiatives being taken by Government to provide employment opportunity to the youth abroad?

Industry-institute linkages in SDM

1434 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote industry-institute linkages in Skill Development Mission (SDM) in various States of the country;
- (b) the details of industries partnered under the scheme and the nature of such partnership;
- (c) whether Government has forged partnership with foreign educational institutions and industries to provide quality training and professional skilling to the youth and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether such partnerships have been undertaken in the States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

PMKVY 3.0

1435 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the third phase of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 3.0), has been launched recently in 600 districts across all States of the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that PMKVY 3.0 envisages training of eight lakh candidates over the scheme period of 2020-2021 with an outlay of ₹ 948.90 crore; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has compiled the data of the people trained under PMKVY 1.0 and PMKVY 2.0, the total amount spent for this purpose and how many of them are gainfully employed?

Skill development programmes for disabled in Punjab

1436 **Shri Shwait Malik:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the programmes being run by Government for the skill development of the disabled in the country;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries of such programmes during the last three years in Punjab, district-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated with regard to such programmes during the last three years, district-wise ;
- (d) the steps taken to ensure jobs for people trained under such programmes; and
- (e) the number of disabled who got employed after taking part in such programmes, the details thereof?

Youth trained under PMKVY

1437 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unemployed youth trained for skill development under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in the last two years;
- (b) the number of PMKVY Kendras functioning in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (c) the type of technical skill development facilities available to the youth; and
- (d) whether job opportunities are being provided to these trainees after training?

Implementation of PMKVY in UP

1438 # **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the district-wise number of persons trained under said programme during the last three years; and
- (d) the number of certified skilled persons under PMKVY?

Status of skilled youths in India

1439 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many youths have been trained and skilled in India over the past five years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (b) how many of them were placed in jobs directly from the institutions from where they were skilled?

Opening of Skill Development Centres

1440 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Skill Development Centres have been opened in all the States of the country;
- (b) if so, the criterion fixed for opening them and the State-wise/UT-wise number thereof;
- (c) the number of students in the skill centres opened in the country; and
- (d) the number of students who got employment under the scheme, so far?

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