

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, July 12, 2019/Ashadha 21, 1941 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Agreement with private companies for skilled labour

*211. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has entered into an agreement with Urban-Clap Technologies Limited to deal with the challenges of finding skilled labour for various domestic needs;

(b) whether any other private companies have been involved in the last two years in this task; and

(c) if so, the details of the achievements in this direction and the number of persons getting employment?

Availability of medicines at generic medicine stores

†*212. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the difference between the prices of branded and generic medicines and whether the prices of branded medicines are fixed by the companies independently or whether there is any pricing mechanism in place;

(b) the number of Jan Aushadhi Stores opened under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) with the objective of providing generic medicines to the patients, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that medicines are not available at generic medicine stores which compels the patients to purchase branded medicines; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the details of money spent on promotion of PMBJP in last five years?

get employment after three months of certification?

Establishment of FMTTI in Odisha

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

(a) whether there is any proposal of Government for establishment of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute (FMTTI) in Odisha to meet the increasing farm mechanisation demand of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any survey has been conducted or any Central Team has visited the State in this regard?

Training of youth under National Skill Development Mission

*214. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth enrolled, trained and certified under National Skill Development Mission as of now, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) how many of them were able to get employment after certification, the year-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of different sectors in which they got the employment and average salary with age group, the year-wise details thereof;

(d) the percentage of female certification and employment under this Mission, the year-wise details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government is taking to counter the challenge if youth is unable to

New scheme for persons trained under skill development programmes

*215. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with a scheme for persons who got skill development training under the skill development programmes initiated by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Investment in agriculture sector

*216. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reason for poverty of farmers is low productivity (yield per hectare) of all major crops in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for low productivity of agriculture in the country;

(c) whether increase in agricultural productivity requires greater investment in farm inputs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase investment, both public and private, in agriculture sector in the country?

Suicide by farmers

*217. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a steep rise in cases of suicide by farmers in the country during

the last five years in comparison to previous five years;

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

(c) whether more than 12,000 farmers have committed suicide in Maharashtra alone during the last five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(e) the reasons for inability of Government to check suicide by farmers?

Procedure for enrolment of training centres under PMKVY

*218. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the training providers enrolled with NSDC under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) since 2015, and procedure for enrolment of such training providers, State-wise;

(b) the beneficiaries trained by empanelled training centres along with persons trained and employed under the scheme since 2015, State-wise;

(c) whether a target was fixed to its two components, if so, the details of target set, year-wise, since 2015 and on what basis the estimation has been made that corresponding target was met; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism to ensure that a person is enrolled, trained and employed under PMKVY, the details thereof?

Recovery of land allocated to SEZs

*219. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to recover the land allocated for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) which is not being used for the purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to curtail the misuse of SEZ land?

Assistance to tobacco-growing farmers for cultivating alternative crops

*220. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made to ensure that tobacco is purchased from farmers only by Government agencies to create competitive environment between private traders and Government agencies;

(b) the efforts so far made by the Ministry to educate and help tobacco-growing farmers for taking up alternative crops;

(c) whether it is a fact that financial assistance has been provided to farmers of some districts in the country for taking up alternative crops; and

(d) if so, details thereof and steps taken or proposed to provide financial assistance to tobacco-growing farmers from Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh?

Funds allocated and utilized for fisheries in Jharkhand

*221. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and utilized for

fisheries in Jharkhand under 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' Scheme during the last three years and current year;

(b) the facilities provided to fishermen under various fisheries schemes; and

(c) the details of the developments which took place in Jharkhand in employment generation and fish production during the last three years and the current year?

Utilization of funds under RGM

*222. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) for conserving the indigenous breed of cattle;

(b) the details of allocated funds spent on various programmes under the Mission;

(c) whether there has been delay and under-utilization of funds under RGM; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Cancellation charges of unsuccessful booking of Tatkal tickets

*223. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during unsuccessful booking of Tatkal ticket through IRCTC portal, cancellation charges are levied by the system while ticket is cancelled by the system and not by the user;

(b) if so, details thereof including such cases reported during financial year 2018-19 and current financial year;

(c) whether Government is aware that payment gateway charges are also deducted during unsuccessful booking of Tatkal tickets;

(d) if so, details thereof including Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether Government is aware that users are losing faith in digital transactions in Railways which would derail Digital India initiatives; and

(f) if so, details thereof and action taken thereon?

Agrarian crisis in the country

*224. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on the regions facing agrarian crisis in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to encourage the use of modern agriculture techniques to sustain growth of agriculture to solve the problem of agrarian crisis in the country?

FDI in multi-brand retail

*225. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision not to allow foreign

direct investment (FDI) in multi-brand retail; predatory pricing by multinational companies would not be allowed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that

(d) if so, the detail thereof?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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