

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, July 19, 2019/Ashadha 28, 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

Upgradation of skill development of IT professionals

*286. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the IT professionals do not have adequate skills to deal with Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Big Data Analytics, etc.; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Ministry of Skill Development to upgrade their skills?

Subsidy on food

*287. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been giving subsidy on food to the different States;

(b) if so, the amount of subsidies on

food for the year 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 till May, 2019; and

(c) the amount of subsidies given to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal during the above periods?

Installation of upgraded Integrated Security System at railway stations

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

(a) the number of sensitive railway stations in the country, as on date;

(b) whether Government has received complaints of inadequate security to the passengers on such railway stations during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has installed the upgraded Integrated Security System (ISS) on such railway stations to provide adequate security to the passengers, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Non-receiving of payment under PM-KISAN Yojana

†*289. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2,69,605 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana could not receive their first instalment due to discrepancies in bank details in various States;

(b) if so, the details of such beneficiaries, State-wise;

(c) whether the first instalment would be received by them after the removal of bank discrepancies; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries who have received their first instalment after the removal of their bank discrepancies, the details thereof, State-wise?

Special package for small tea growers

*290. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed or planned any special package for small tea growers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes new schemes to attract the youth of this country, as it is employment-generating, helps in afforestation and self-supporting;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the different measures being taken to increase the total tea production of the country?

Shortage of skilled and trained trainers

†*291. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permissible courses in various industries or sectors under skill development scheme and the names of the courses which are being run;

(b) whether there is a shortage of skilled and trained trainers in various courses at the skill development centres; and

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated by Government to prepare skilled trainers for existing training centres under skill development scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment in Group 'D' posts

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways propose to fill up the vacancies of Group 'D' posts in a time-bound manner;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Railways in this regard; and

(c) the total number of persons appointed in Group 'D' posts after the said initiative was taken by Railways?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Challenges in implementation of PM-KISAN scheme

*293. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers benefited by the PM-KISAN Scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the financial progress of the said scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the key challenges being faced in the implementation of the scheme;
- (d) whether benefits would also be availed by the farmers of the States where income support is offered by the respective State Governments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Organic farming in Rajasthan

*294. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy for promotion of organic farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any areas have been earmarked or any target has been set for organic farming in Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Optimum use of water for irrigation

†*295. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken in laying down methods of proper use of water, implementing maximum yields in limited

water, 'per drop-more crop' method and increasing the area of irrigated land in agricultural irrigation, keeping in view the available methods of irrigation with less usage of water in the country; and

- (b) the details of the action plan to double the farmers' income by the year 2022 and the details of steps taken to improve irrigation facility for the agricultural land?

Levying of arbitrary duties by shipping companies

†*296. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is no control over shipping companies, most of which are foreign companies, in operations done *via* containers in import-export done by India;
- (b) whether Government has taken cognizance of fact that these shipping companies are charging duties arbitrarily and whether Government is taking any steps to stop this;
- (c) whether any committee has been constituted to control such arbitrary levying of duty, if so, whether Government plans to adopt suggestions of that committee; and
- (d) whether Government accepts the fact that there is need to keep other duties also under control like port duty in order to increase import-export?

Financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh under National Disaster Response Fund

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of

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the Ministry that inspite of adequate rains this year, there are nearly 300 mandals in six districts, including Nellore, in Andhra Pradesh, which suffered drought-like conditions;

(b) if so, the details of mandals declared as drought-affected in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise, as informed to the Ministry;

(c) whether the State Government has submitted any proposal for financial assistance under National Disaster Response Fund; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay in sending Central Team and by when the Ministry would provide financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh?

Implementation of PMFBY in Jharkhand

*298. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of success achieved by Government in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Jharkhand; and

(b) the types of crops for which insurance has been sought thereunder and the amount of insurance money disbursed, till date, in this regard?

Low quality rails supplied by SAIL

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

(a) whether any study has revealed that the rails provided by Steel Authority of India (SAIL) to Railways are of lower quality and not suitable to run 25-tonne axle load wagons, dealing a huge blow to an ambitious plan of Railways to move 70 per cent of its freight traffic on higher axle load wagons by 2019-20;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for getting quality products for Railways?

Challenges of drought

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to tackle rain deficit problems the country is going to face within two months;

(b) if so, the proposal of the Government therein;

(c) the action proposed by Government to meet the challenges of drought this year and to safeguard the income of farmers of the country; and

(d) the measures taken to ease the water crises and the proposal to rehabilitate and give relief to the farmers under National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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