

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, June 21, 2019/Jyaishtha 31, 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

Low wages under MGNREGA

†*1. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD
NISHAD: Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less work is
being done under MGNREGA on account
of MGNREGA labourers not turning up
for work due to low wages under the
scheme as compared to market rates;

(b) the State-wise current rates of wages
under MGNREGA and wage rates notified
by respective State Governments and
market rate of wages in those States; and

(c) the time schedule and amount of
wages increased since the inception of
MGNREGA and whether the Ministry is
currently considering to enhance the wages
of MGNREGA workers?

Linking the capitals of North-Eastern States by rail network

*2. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government has a plan to
connect all the State capitals of North-
Eastern States with rail network by the
year 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof including
the progress of action taken in this regard
and the total amount sanctioned therefor;
and

(c) by when the project would be
completed and whether it would be able
to meet the deadline of year 2020 set
therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Termination of preferential trade by USA

*3. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US administration has terminated its preferential trade treatment with India recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on our foreign trade and Government's reaction thereto?

Promotion of dairy and fishery sector

†*4. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to promote dairy and fisheries for the doubling of farmers' income;

(b) if so, whether Government would prepare State-specific schemes;

(c) if so, the detailed roadmap of the said schemes; and

(d) the details of funds allocated for this scheme for the current financial year?

Infrastructure facilities in Gram Panchayats

*5. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being implemented by Government to ensure

adequate infrastructure facilities to the Panchayats across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government had also proposed for computerization of all Panchayats and provision of online services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the financial allocation made by Government for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Decreasing area of land under cultivation

*6. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area of land under cultivation is decreasing; and

(b) if so, the rate of decrease during the last three years?

Drugs under the List of Essential Medicines

*7. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drugs under the List of Essential Medicines;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 80 per cent of costly drugs are not on the List of Essential Medicines, thereby causing severe hardship to the poor and downtrodden; and

(c) if so, the roadmap that the Ministry has prepared to bring costly drugs under National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)?

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Social security pension to farmers

*8. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring a new scheme for providing social security pension to farmers throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria for selection of beneficiaries and whether any specific funds have been earmarked for the scheme?

Implementation of PMFBY in Chhattisgarh

†*9. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of success accomplished by Government in implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of farmers insured under this Yojana in Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the kind of crops for which insurance claim has been demanded under this scheme and the insurance amount disbursed so far in this regard?

Elimination of specified diseases in cattle

*10. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any

decision to eliminate certain specified diseases in cattle;

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

(c) whether Government has set any time-frame for achieving the said objective of elimination of specified diseases in cattle; and;

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

Irregularities in VIP quota tickets in Railways

*11. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have noticed some irregularities or received some complaints regarding VIP quota tickets in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways have initiated any enquiry regarding the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Railways to check the recurrence of such irregularities?

Proposed railway projects in Rajasthan

†*12. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering or has proposed important railway projects for Rajasthan, namely, new railway line from Pipar Road railway station to Nagaur via Bhopalgarh Asop, as proposed earlier, Bilara to Bar railway line, as proposed

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earlier, and Merta Road to Ajmer *via* Merta City and Pushkar;

(b) if so, by when these projects would be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stock of onions in the country

*13. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has assessed the stock position of onions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any shortfall in production of onions or its supply in the market is expected in the coming months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Curtailling of fishing activities in Tamil Nadu

*14. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the State Government of Tamil Nadu has banned fishing activities for a certain period during the breeding season;

(b) if so, whether Central Government would take similar steps across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Debit of money credited to accounts of farmers under PM-Kisan Yojana

*15. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of farmers have lodged complaints that money deposited under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) Yojana is being debited from their accounts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of such farmers, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop such incidents?

NEW DELHI;
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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