

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, November 29, 2019/Agrahayana 8, 1941 (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)

Total number of questions — 15

Creation of more employment opportunities in manufacturing sector

*121. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to create more employment opportunities in manufacturing sector during the last two years;

(b) whether Government has such plans under which incentive amount is provided to the manufacturing companies for providing employment to the people belonging to economically weaker section or backward class; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Training of officials abroad

*122. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officials from the Joint Secretary and above rank who were sent for some capacity building/training courses abroad during the last three years;

(b) the details of officials sent abroad for training and the institutions where they were sent; and

(c) whether any written reports were sought from these trainee officials in the form of a feedback, if so, their overall feedback and if not, the reasons therefor?

Installation of Real-time Train Information System

†*123. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have started to install the newly developed Real-time Train Information System (RTIS) in order to monitor the accurate speed and the normal speed during travel from starting to end point;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefits of such system; and

(d) the number of trains in the country having such system, zone-wise?

Decrease in production and export of coffee

*124. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of coffee has been decreasing in recent years;

(b) the details of coffee production during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the export of coffee has not increased during the last three years and the volume of coffee exported in the said period; and

(d) if so, the action taken to improve the export of coffee?

Payment of insurance claims to farmers of Chhattisgarh under PMFBY

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the insurance

companies have not made payments to the farmers in the State of Chhattisgarh against the claims made under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any action plan for disposal of such claims under PMFBY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of global warming on agriculture production

*126. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to global warming, there is unpredictability regarding monsoon and as a result, agriculture is going to be badly affected; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase agricultural production?

Taking over the management of tea plantations in West Bengal

*127. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not taken up the management of tea plantations of Birpara, Huntapara, Garganda, Lankapara, Dhumchipara and Demdima in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when would Government take over the management of the above-mentioned gardens?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Conversion of old railway engines
into twin electric engines**

*128. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have successfully converted and developed old engines into twin electric engines having capacity of 10,000 horse power;

(b) if so, the details of the projects including the cost of conversion;

(c) whether Government proposes to convert some more number of old diesel engines into electric engines;

(d) if so, the number of diesel engines planned to be converted; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**List of commodities for free trade
under RCEP pact**

*129. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the products, including agricultural produce, included in the list of commodities for free trade under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) pact between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and six other countries, including India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said pact will pave the way for cheap imports of agricultural produce, etc. to the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government

to protect the Indian farmers and domestic industry?

**Use of chemicals and fertilizers in
agriculture**

*130. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of use of fertilizers and chemicals in agriculture;

(b) the steps taken for control of their use, if any; and

(c) the plan to increase the use of natural manures?

**Steps to set farmers free from debt
trap**

†*131. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to set the farmers free from debt trap of money lenders;

(b) the number of such farmers set free from high interest rate of money lenders in the years 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up co-operative banks for farmers which would exclusively help the farmers in the matters related to debt, production and sales; and

(d) the number of farmers who committed suicide due to debt burden in the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Status of Ratlam-Dungarpur rail line project

*132. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received request letters dated 18th September, 2018 and 5th March, 2019 from Government of Rajasthan to complete the Ratlam-Dungarpur *via* Banswara new rail line project which was sanctioned in 2011-12 through its own resources;

(b) if so, the status thereof; and

(c) the time period for the completion of the said project?

Financial implications for businesses in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh

*133. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the financial implications for businesses and the economy in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh since 5th August, 2019; and

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to reinvigorate the economy in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh?

Effect of stubble burning on fertility of land

†*134. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fertile capacity of the farmland of farmers gets destroyed due to stubble burning;

(b) if so, whether any alternative scheme for the disposal of stubble is under consideration of Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Exorbitant prices of organic fertilizers

*135. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the advantages of organic fertilizer in comparison with inorganic fertilizer;

(b) whether Government is aware that many organic fertilizers are sold at exorbitant prices in the market;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any measures to control the price and manufacturing of organic fertilizers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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