

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

#### Farm machines and robotics in farming

2214. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that to feed our ever growing population, the country requires to equip and modernise farming methods;

(b) whether Government is aware that educating and equipping our farmers with modern farm machines and robotics, would significantly increase our yield;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Average income of farmers

2215. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

any survey to ascertain the average annual income of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether annual growth rate of the income of farmers in the country has marginally increased; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Welfare schemes for landless farmers

2216. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data pertaining to the number and details of landless farmers and farm workers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any scheme for the rehabilitation and welfare of the farm workers and landless farmers, if so, the details thereof?

**Income insecurity in agriculture**

2217. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main challenge to Indian agriculture is income security instead of low productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the average monthly income of a farmer, State-wise?

**Expansion of PMFBY**

†2218. SHRI KAILASH SONI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of farmers/beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the year 2018-19, State-wise;

(b) the number of farmers with landholding measuring five hectares or below;

(c) whether this scheme has been extended to all the farmers, in all the States; and

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

**Increase in production of foodgrains**

2219. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrains production in the country is satisfactorily increasing every year;

(b) if so, the production of foodgrains in the country in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(c) the quantum of production of paddy, wheat and vegetables during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?

**Proposal to save poor landless farmers**

2220. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PM's income support scheme will benefit over 8 lakh large farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the fate of the general farmers who are not having land and daily wage farmers; and

(c) the details of the scheme thereof and the proposal of Government to save the poor landless farmers of the country?

**Schemes for farmers' welfare**

†2221. MS.SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes started for farmers' welfare during last three years in the country; and

(b) the details of the schemes and the facilities provided through them to farmers?

**Data of farmers availing Government's MSP**

2222. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crop-wise segregated data of farmers who have availed Government's MSP of the last five years, is available; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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**Assistance to Madhya Pradesh under PMKSY**

†2223. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state the annually approved assistance and achievements thereon for Micro Irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) Rain based Area Development, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Mission for Medicinal Plants (NMMP), and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for the period ranging from 2014-15 to 2018-19 for the State of Madhya Pradesh under the centrally funded/ sponsored scheme, along with the details thereof including the provisions made for financial year 2019-20?

**Benefit of PM-KISAN scheme to farmers**

2224. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently extended the ambit of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of farmers likely to benefit, State-wise; and

(c) in what manner Government proposes to transfer the money to the farmers of the country?

**Schemes for reducing agricultural input cost**

†2225. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being

implemented by Government to reduce agricultural input cost during the last five years;

(b) the details of budget allocation and expenditure incurred in the said schemes;

(c) the extent of reduction observed in the agriculture input cost per hectare and increase in farmers' income following their implementation, the details of last three years thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to reduce GST rate on the essential resources required for agriculture?

**Development of potato seed by 'PepsiCo'**

†2226. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the American company, 'PepsiCo' has developed a special variety of seed for potato, if so, the purpose thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a common farmer cannot grow the crops by using the seed developed by the said company, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the plant protection rights awarded to 'PepsiCo' company in this regard?

**Settlement of claims under crop insurance scheme**

2227. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several claims under crop insurance scheme are pending for settlement in various States;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of crops insured, premium paid to companies and claims made and settled and, pending for settlement since last 3 years?

**Replacing Commission on  
Agricultural Costs  
and Prices**

2228. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to replace the Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) with an Agriculture Tribunal;

(b) if so, the details of the functions of the Tribunal in comparison to CACP, along with the reasons for replacing the Commission; and

(c) whether Government is planning to replace the Minimum Support Price (MSP) with any other price mechanism, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether any changes to the MSP mechanism are being thought of?

**Decreasing size of landholding in the  
country**

†2229. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the size of landholding (arable land) is decreasing day by day in the country;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) the way in which Government is looking at the impending crisis likely to arise from situation of growing population and decreasing size of landholding; and

(d) if not, the details of size of landholding in the country in 1950 and the same at present?

**Relief to drought affected farmers in  
Maharashtra**

2230. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that crops of foodgrains, pulses, oilseeds and horticulture including pomegranate have completely been destroyed in various parts of Maharashtra due to severe, unprecedented drought conditions adversely affecting the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken or proposes to take to provide relief to the affected farmers of the State?

**PM's Income Support Scheme for all  
farmers**

2231. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of PM's Income Support Scheme;

(b) the details of small, marginal and big farmers likely to be benefited in the country, State-wise;

(c) the details of expenditure involved for this purpose; and

(d) the reasons for extending this scheme to big landlords, whereas the objective is to help only small, marginal and medium farmers?

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### **Production of sugarcane**

2232. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the cost of production of sugarcane in the country annually and globally; and
- (b) the steps to be taken to improve the sugarcane production and output during dry season?

### **Initiatives for doubling farmers' income in Jharkhand**

2233. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the initiatives Government has taken under the scheme of "Doubling of Farmers' income by 2022" especially in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) the positive impact of the above said scheme in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand for the last one year, 2018-19; and
- (c) the details of the fund allocated under this scheme to Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand?

### **Drought prediction system to help farmers**

2234. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noticed the severity and the after effect of present drought on Indian farmers and agricultural sector;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to face the challenges; and
- (c) whether any drought prediction system is introduced by Government for helping the farmers, if so, the details thereof?

### **Implementation of crop insurance schemes**

2235. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently reviewed various crop insurance schemes which are implemented for the benefit of farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;
- (c) the deficiencies identified in various schemes and corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government for proper implementation of these schemes; and
- (d) the details of premium collected from the farmers in each State/UT under various crop insurance schemes during the last three years?

### **Implementation of PMFBY in Karnataka**

2236. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);
- (b) the amount of money that has been received by Government from farmers as instalment for the said scheme in Karnataka during last three years; and
- (c) the amount of money returned to farmers under this scheme in Karnataka during last three years?

**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Scheme**

†2237. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has launched the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Scheme' under which a provision has been made to grant a pension of ₹ 3000/- to each farmer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme is a voluntary and contribution based pension scheme for all the small and marginal farmers in the country, and whether a provision has been made under the scheme for equal contribution from farmers as well as the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Raising limit of 90 days for drought relief**

2238. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put a limit of 90 days for relief activities in the case of drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has laid down a ceiling of 25 per cent of State Disaster Relief Fund for the year to extend the above period beyond 90 days; and

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

**Suicide by farmers**

2239. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has received any report from the State Governments over the suicides, committed by farmers in their respective States during the last five years, year-wise; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Cultivation of paddy in Punjab**

2240. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the paddy cultivation in Punjab is taking an increasing toll on ground water and soil health beside its input costs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government has motivated the farmers for diversification of crops along side rice;

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

(e) whether Government has made any assessment of the returns from rice-wheat rotation cropping to other viable alternatives of farm enterprises; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to make agriculture as an entirely favourable business?

**Notable achievements by scientists of ICAR and IARI**

2241. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of agricultural scientists working at present with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) and other institutions being funded by Government;

(b) the notable achievements made during the last one year by these scientists, especially in the field of dry-land farming;

(c) whether Government proposes to make changes in curriculum of agricultural universities to bring rapid advancement of technologies in the field of agriculture;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to bring scientists nearer to farmers through transfer of latest technologies to the farmers?

#### **Benefits of Fasal Bima Yojana to poor farmers**

†2242. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor farmers of the country are not getting the benefits of Fasal Bima Yojana;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the number of farmers who have got the benefits of this scheme till date; and

(d) the details of budget expenditure allocated under this scheme in last three years, year-wise?

#### **Implementation of PMFBY in Maharashtra**

2243. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after

implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Maharashtra, the plight of poor farmers have changed;

(b) if so, the number of farmers insured under the PMFBY in Maharashtra; and

(c) the names of crops covered under this scheme and the amount of financial benefits provided to farmers under this Yojana?

#### **Destruction of standing crops by stray animals**

2244. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that stray animals are destroying the standing crops of farmers in some States;

(b) whether concerned State Governments have submitted any report in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Monitoring of PMFBY**

†2245. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to constitute a committee for monitoring the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the steps taken to implement the scheme?

#### **Plan for changes in existing farm insurance schemes**

2246. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing farm insurance

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schemes are area based rather than individual farm based; and

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to usher in some changes in the existing schemes to make them specific farm based as that would find more acceptability amongst the farmers?

#### **Impact of demonetisation on agriculture**

2247. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Seeds Corporation (NSC) failed to sell nearly 1.38 lakh quintals of wheat seeds because of the cash crunch due to demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to address the situation; and

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

#### **Arrangement of alternative pesticides for farmers**

2248. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that acutely toxic organophosphate insecticides like monocrotophos which are banned in other countries are still on sale across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering any alternatives to these insecticides/pesticides in case of their ban;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by Government to prohibit/ban the production and sale of such insecticides/pesticides?

#### **Implementation of Swaminathan Commission Report**

2249. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cost of production taken into account by Government does not match the real cost of production being borne by farmers and that is the reason why farmers across the country are agitating and demanding implementation of Swaminathan Commission Report on real cost;

(b) if so, whether Government would enhance the MSP on real costs of production;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would bring perishable items like vegetables and fruits also under MSP; and

(f) the MSP fixed by Government for various crops as on date and variation observed during last five years, year-wise?

#### **Distribution of soil health cards**

2250. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether soil health cards are being distributed to farmers in Delhi and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof against the stipulated targets set in the past five years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of farmers who have received soil health cards during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?



**Decadal growth rate of agriculture**

2251. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decadal growth rate of agriculture has significantly decreased, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the current growth rate will be able to feed the country's population by the year 2025, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of foodgrains imported in the last five years, along with the details thereof?

**Assistance to drought affected areas**

†2252. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts which have been declared drought affected this quarter (April to June) of 2019;

(b) whether Government has provided special assistance to States/districts which are most severely affected by drought; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Awareness of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana**

2253. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana (PMKPY);

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have joined PMKPY in the country so far, State-wise;

(c) the number of States implementing this scheme and the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made to make the farmers aware of this scheme at large?

**Modification in parameters fixed for compensation to crop loss**

†2254. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the parameters set for compensation to farmers for their crops in the eventuality of drought, flood and other natural disasters are quite old due to which farmers are not able to get compensation from Government and Insurance companies even after significant portion of loss of the crops;

(b) Government parameters for the compensation on loss of crops for the farmers;

(c) when these parameters have been modified in the interest of farmers; and

(d) whether Government is considering to modify the old parameters so that farmers can get compensation even for the less loss of crops?

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**Procurement of crops from farmers**

†2255. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procurement of various crops from farmers by Government agencies at minimum support price, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the system of procurement of farmers' crop is not satisfactory due to which farmers are compelled to sell their crops to private traders at throwaway prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Cultivation of Bt. Cotton**

2256. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite ban, HTBT cotton is widely cultivated in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Central Government has taken measures to discourage cultivation of Bt. Cotton in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**Acquisition of fertile land for non-agricultural activities**

†2257. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government does not have any state-related information regarding acquisition of fertile land for developmental activities and information regarding compensation paid for these activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;and

(c) the basis on which Government devises its strategy to maintain the details of agricultural lands and the manner in which Government exercise control over agricultural land while converting it for other activities?

**Cultivation of GM crops**

2258. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the controversy regarding cultivation of genetically modified crops as the farmers in some parts of the country want to cultivate the GM crops like Brinjal, Cotton, etc. despite the ban on their cultivation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

**Financial aid to youth for setting up dairy units in Jharkhand**

2259. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand has least number of dairy units and received the least financial aid from the Central Government for setting up of dairies by the youth of Jharkhand;

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(b) if so, the details of the number of applications received from all the States including Jharkhand during financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19 along with the number of youth provided with financial grant-in-aid; and

(c) the details of budget allocation for youth to set up dairies, State-wise including Jharkhand?

#### **Subsidy to fishery sector**

2260. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidies are provided to the fisheries sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest steps taken/being taken by the Central Government for overall development of fisheries in the country?

#### **Insurance cover for livestock**

2261. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to increase livestock in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special insurance scheme for livestock is operational in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Diversion of NDDB Fund**

2262. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3242 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd March, 2018 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that from the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) fund which is set up and regulated under Section 26 of the NDDB Act, a sum of ₹1200 Crore was diverted and contributed as equity of the NDDB in its wholly owned subsidiary company called NDDB Dairy Services, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that NDDB claims that the said ₹ 200 crores lying as equity in NDDB Dairy Services and all income accruing thereof is not covered under the RTI Act, if so, the action that has been taken thereon?

#### **Government's opinion on status of MDFVPL**

2263. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the law officers of Government like Solicitor General (SG) have given an opinion that Mother Dairy Fruits and Vegetables Pvt. Ltd (MDFVPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is a semi-Government organisation, if so, the final opinion of Government in this regard; and

(b) whether the Central Vigilance Commission Act, Right to Information Act and Prevention of Corruption Act are applicable to MDFVPL, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Promoting cage fishing**

2264. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is extending financial and technical support in promoting/starting and complementing cage fishing farming across the country, including Thoothukudi district in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government reviewed environmental and geographical aspects of the region where it proposes implementing cage fishing farming; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-engagement of poultry farmers in operation of battery cages**

2265. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any objections to the notification G.S.R. 335(E), dated 24.04.2019 issued by the Ministry on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Egg Laying Hens) Rules, 2019;

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

(c) whether nearly 24 States have agreed that battery cages are wrong and requested to ensure that no new poultry farmers engage in operation of battery cages; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

#### **Development of animal husbandry in Kerala**

2266. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is giving any financial assistance for the various projects in connection with the development of animal husbandry in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Punganuru cattle on verge of extinction**

2267. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the population of Punganuru cattle in Telangana under National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre (NKBC) as they are on the verge of extinction;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is one NKBC in the Southern Region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time NKBC would take to bring the Punganuru cattle population to an acceptable level?

#### **Implementation of programmes for welfare of fishermen**

2268. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the fishermen community in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the programmes that have been implemented by Government for the welfare of fishermen community;
- (d) whether Government has any data on fishermen who have mistakenly crossed the international waters and presently under the custody of neighbouring countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Fertilizers subsidy to poor and marginal farmers**

2269. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
DR. L. HANUMAN-  
THAIAH:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers are getting requisite benefit of subsidy on fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some companies resort to tactics of indicating lower production capacity and on the basis of percentage production obtain huge subsidy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure that the poor and marginal farmers get the maximum benefit of subsidy?

**Efforts to produce and promote compost from city garbage**

2270. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's efforts to

produce and promote compost from city garbage has yielded desired results;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether fertilizer companies and marketing entities are actively involved in producing and promoting compost from city garbage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Generic drugs in Jan Aushadhi Kendras**

2271. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened under the "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana" (PMBJP) scheme; and
- (b) the details of the different generic drugs sold under this scheme and their prices?

**Limiting profit of drug manufacturing companies to reduce prices of medicines**

†2272. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that drug manufacturing companies fix the cost of medicines by 3000 per cent of their actual cost because of which it has become difficult for patients to buy medicines;
- (b) whether Government would put an end to this malpractice committed by drug manufacturing companies and make some legal arrangements so that they get profit only upto a certain limit; and
- (c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Import of fertilizers**

2273. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various fertilizers that are being imported into the country through various ports of the country; and

(b) the details of various agencies involved in importing fertilizers from various countries through various ports in the country?

is being committed in the import of raw materials used in making medicines in different parts of the country, every now and then;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step to check it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which it would be executed and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Imports of APIs**

2274. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all medicines that get affected due to rise in price of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) imported from China;

(b) the details of measures Government has taken to safeguard the interests of Indian Pharmaceutical Companies against price rise of API imports; and

(c) the details of budgetary allocation by Government to reduce import dependence on API like setting up API parks as recommended by the Katoch Committee Report and the details of action taken on the same since 2015, if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

### **Discrepancy in import of raw material for medicines**

†2275. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that discrepancy

### **Selling of stents at price higher than the ceiling price**

2276. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that stents are being sold at a price higher than the ceiling set by it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Pending cases for overcharging of patients on essential medicines**

2277. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases, at present, against pharma companies initiated by National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) for over charging of patients on essential medicines and number of pending cases along with the amount involved therein; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps for early disposal of such pending cases?

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**Price control on drug formulations by  
NPPA**

2278. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, through National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), has identified the drug formulations for medical treatment of diseases for imposing price restriction to make the same available to patients including those from weaker sections;

(b) if so, the diseases and the drug formulations so far identified; and

(c) what special measures Government proposes to take to ensure that the quality of drugs is not compromised while putting restrictions on their price?

**Impact on exports due to decline in  
export credit**

2279. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that there is a sharp decline in export credit given by banks during the last three-four years;

(b) if so, whether Ministry has ever tried to find out the reasons behind this;

(c) the short and long-term measures that have so far been taken to correct the situation and how the above decline has impacted the exports;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with RBI to provide some credit from its currency reserves; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Prices of tea**

2280. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of tea have not risen due to the rapid increase in tea supply, especially from the small tea growers segment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during 2018, according to Tea Association of India, this segment accounted for a 48 per cent share in India's output of 1,338 million kilogram against 20 per cent in 2003; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**New e-market for tea**

2281. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Board has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with companies for introducing a new e-market place for tea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the new initiative is expected to improve cost effectiveness and price discovery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Giving pace to Make in India**

†2282. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is pondering over to provide more pace to Make in India;

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

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

#### **Relaxation in FDI norms**

2283. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to relax FDI norms in various sectors in the country to turn around slowing economic growth of the country, if so, the details thereof, sector-wise;

(b) whether Government does not perceive that such increase in FDI limits of such sectors is dangerous to the security of the country, keeping in view that the entire control of some sectors would go into foreign hands, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Criteria for imposing or lifting ban on export/import of agricultural products**

2284. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion followed/adopted by Government for imposing/lifting ban on export/import of various agricultural products from time-to-time;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the adverse impact on farmers/consumers of such imposing/ lifting ban on export/import of agricultural products during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to protect the interests of farmers/consumers from the adverse impact of imposing/lifting ban on export/import of agricultural products?

#### **Initiatives for promotion of exports**

2285. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the various initiatives Government has taken in the recent past in order to promote export of various items to different countries;

(b) whether Government is planning to come out with more such initiatives during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pendency in approvals of patents**

2286. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications seeking patents are lying pending for necessary approval;

(b) if so, the details of patents granted/ applications pending by/at various offices during the last three years and the current year and the reasons for delay in granting patent, State-wise;

(c) the names of the drugs which have been granted patent during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to dispose of the patent applications at the earliest?

#### **Entrepreneurship Facilitation Scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

2287. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has



submitted a proposal for formulation of Entrepreneurship Facilitation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date on which Central Government received the proposal and the steps it has taken on the proposal;

(c) whether the proposal was placed before the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when it is likely to be placed before the CCEA?

**Selection of lawyers, law firms and subject experts to represent India in WTO disputes and ISDS cases**

2288. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Department within the Ministry which is responsible for selecting lawyers, law firms and subject experts to represent India in WTO disputes and ISDS cases;

(b) the details of process followed by the concerned Department to hire the best talent available for the aforementioned purpose;

(c) the steps taken to develop talent in this sphere so that reliance on international lawyers and law firms is minimized;

(d) the number and details of WTO disputes and ISDS cases which are currently active and in which India is a party; and

(e) the number thereof which have been assigned to foreign lawyers/law-firms?

**Slowdown in manufacturing sector**

2289. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturing

sector has been the major cause of concern for Government;

(b) if so, the details of the factors responsible for slowdown in the manufacturing sector; and

(c) the initiatives proposed to be taken for improving manufacturing growth?

**Increased tariffs on US agricultural and industrial imports**

2290. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to increase tariffs of 29 high value US agricultural and industrial imports by upto 50 per cent from June, 16; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expected earnings through these new taxes?

**Widening of trade deficit**

2291. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's trade deficit widened in May, 2019 to US \$15.36 billion, with imports growing faster than exports during the said period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that electronics and chemical sectors have shown good export growth during May, 2019; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Export of tea**

2292. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major countries

where tea is exported and foreign exchange earned by the tea industry in the last three years;

(b) whether export of tea to Iran is going to affect us in view of the US economic sanctions, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any alternate arrangements in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Complaints against India at WTO**

2293. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last one and a half years, many countries have complained against India at the WTO regarding tariffs and subsidies, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of status of these complaints and the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues involved?

#### **Separate department for logistics**

2294. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a separate logistics department to enhance the growth of the sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that extensive coordination among different stakeholders of the logistics sector, including roads, railways, shipping, civil aviation and States is required to boost the exports; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Retaliatory tariff on US goods**

2295. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is considering to impose retaliatory tariffs on 29 American goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the move comes after a year of talks on trade barriers to Indian steel, aluminium, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revival of coffee plantation in Karnataka and Kerala**

2296. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of revival of coffee plantation in Kodagu (Karnataka) and Kerala after the severe natural calamity in 2018;

(b) the various scheme/programmes launched by the Central and State Governments for revival of coffee plantation in these States and the outcome of these schemes/programmes;

(c) the special benefits that have been given to coffee growers in these States; and

(d) how much time would be taken to normalize the life of coffee growers in Kodagu and Kerala?

**Fast track clearance of FDI proposals**

2297. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) for fast tracking clearance of FDI proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of FDI proposals received in the last three years and in the current year, upto June, 2019;

(d) the reasons for less number of FDI proposals in the current year; and

(e) the efforts made to encourage more FDI proposals for economic development, with details thereof?

**Products affected by termination of GSP status to India**

†2298. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States of America has decided to withdraw the status of developing country/incentives being given on Indian goods under India-Centric Generalized System of Preferences (GPS) programme;

(b) if so, the quantum of Indian exports and specific products likely to be affected by this decision; and

(c) the steps being taken/already taken by Indian Government to protect the exports by Indian traders after this kind of

policy being adopted by United States of America?

**Eligibility criteria for a beneficiary nation under GSP**

2299. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States is terminating benefits under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP);

(b) if so, the after affects on trade, if these benefits are not restored; and

(c) the norms and eligibility criteria for a beneficiary nation under GSP, including reasons for setting these criteria?

**Progress of Ease of Doing Business**

2300. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether review of progress is being made on various parameters with regard to 'Ease of Doing Business';

(b) the steps being taken to plug shortcomings and resolve bottlenecks in implementing business reforms;

(c) the details of procedures streamlined for increasing the "Ease of Living" for small businesses; and

(d) the details of the World Bank (Doing Business) rankings over the last four years?

**Beef export from India**

2301. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) India's current position among beef exporter countries of the world;

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(b) the year-wise details of the beef exported from India since 2014;

(c) the State-wise share of beef export during last five years;

(d) the details of the new beef export licenses given during last five years; and

(e) the details of the beef exporter companies, their ownership details and their beef export details during last five years?

#### **Undernourishment and foodgrains deprivation**

2302. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for people still suffering from undernourishment and foodgrains deprivation even after the implementation of National Food Security Act; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure proper functioning of the Act?

#### **Construction of godowns in Punjab**

2303. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has sought permission of the Centre to construct 20 lakh metric tonne capacity godowns in the State in view of shortage of covered storage capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether they would be covered under the guarantee of the Central Government and the Food Corporation of India; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by the Ministry to ease out the crisis of acute

shortage of covered storage space this year in Punjab?

#### **Introduction of new standard weighing system**

2304. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new standard weighing system has been introduced in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any target period has been fixed to switch over to the new weighing system?

#### **Aadhaar-based exclusion from PDS**

2305. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of/ has a list of hunger deaths in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any of these can be attributed to exclusion from Public Distribution System;

(c) whether Aadhaar-based exclusions are a key reason for this, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons why despite Supreme Court's order, there are many cases of Aadhaar-based exclusion in the country?

#### **Rottening of foodgrains**

†2306. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foodgrains storage capacity in the country, State-wise;

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(b) the details of the wheat rotted due to the shortage of godowns, during last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of quantity of the foodgrains getting rotten in the godowns of the Food Cooperation of India (FCI) along with the reasons therefor, State-wise?

#### **Authenticity of online marketing**

2307. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that online market places provide comparison services of products but do not disclose the main parameters determining how offers resulting from a search query are ranked and the authenticity of product reviews;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken measures to protect the consumers' right to know who is actually selling the product or service and be provided with clear information prior to a purchase; and

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

#### **Procurement of wheat in Madhya Pradesh**

2308. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government has allowed the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to purchase only 67.25 lakh metric tonnes of wheat from the State of Madhya Pradesh, whereas in the last financial year FCI had purchased the entire wheat close to 73 lakh metric tonnes; and

(b) if so, the reasons for less procurement in current financial year from the State of Madhya Pradesh?

#### **Procurement of crops from farmers**

2309. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) is received only if farmers' produce is procured by Government;

(b) whether Government has any plan to procure all crops of farmers for which MSP is declared;

(c) if so, the details of the procurement targets for each crop for which MSP is declared; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Shortage of warehouses**

2310. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of storage warehouses as per the storage guidelines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the storage status of various foodgrains including wheat, rice, pulses, edible oil, sugar etc. in the country as on date; and

(c) the steps taken to make adequate arrangement for storage in view of shortage of the same in the country?

**Increase in retail food inflation**

†2311. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retail food inflation has increased in the last few months;

(b) if so, whether Government mechanism has not been able to control the inflation;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the reasons responsible for the said inflation; and

(d) the details of the hurdles being faced in controlling the increasing rates of essential food commodities?

**Construction of godowns with private participation**

2312. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to meet the shortage of covered storage, Government has come out with a guarantee scheme for construction of godowns with private participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government was able to meet the shortage of covered storage space with the said programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Pricing crisis faced by potato growing farmers**

2313. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on many occasions potato growing farmers do not bother to even come to a cold storage to take delivery of their commodity, since the transport cost would be higher than what the produce would fetch in the market;

(b) if so, the details of factors that are contributing to the pricing crisis of potato growing farmers in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to save them from pricing crisis, the details thereof?

**Implementation of PMKSY in Bihar**

†2314. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Government has decided to ensure that the produce of the farmers do not suffer any loss before it reaches the market and also to prevent wastage of agricultural produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States in which Government has started work in this direction; and

(d) whether work is being done in the interest of farmers in the State of Bihar under this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

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**Investment and business in food processing sector**

2315. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any new scheme for the small business houses and entrepreneurs to encourage investment and business in the food processing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such schemes which are going to be made and enhanced for the bigger industries of the country in this sector?

**Implementation of Operation Greens**

2316. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce Operation Greens on the lines of Operation Flood;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of Operation Greens;

(c) the progress made so far under Operation Greens and by when it is going to be implemented;

(d) the manner in which Operation Greens would help in coordination between production, storage and marketing by removing middlemen; and

(e) the experience of Government from Operation Flood and how it is going to

implement the success story of Operation Flood in Operation Greens?

**Establishment of cold storages in Gujarat**

†2317. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any assistance during last three years to establish cold storages in order to protect fruits and vegetables from decaying in Gujarat, particularly in southern districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the said assistance, year-wise?

**Cutting down on food wastage**

2318. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to cut down on food wastage, nation-wide, by linking major foodgrain producing States with States experiencing high demand as well as the food processing industry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and present status of cold chain storage and cold chain logistics in the country; and

(c) the time-frame for implementation of the proposal and the details thereof?

**Export of food items**

2319. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing

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industries in the country and how many of them are functioning at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has been exporting food items from the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of countries who have signed an agreement for the export of food items from India and the details thereof?

#### **Investment in food processing industries**

2320. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale investment have been received recently in Food Processing Industries (FPIs);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the investments received, State-wise, especially in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether the said investment could help Government to achieve its target of doubling the income of farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to promote FPIs and explore new avenues for their development and growth?

#### **Funds for schemes under FPIs**

2321. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for various schemes of food processing industries during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds released under various schemes during the last three years, State-wise, including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of spent/unspent funds under various schemes during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether the funds released under various schemes are sufficient to achieve the desired objectives?

#### **Research and development in food processing sector**

2322. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that funds allocated for research and development in food processing sector has come down from ₹ 10.5 crore in 2012-13 to ₹ 5.8 crore in 2016-17;

(b) the status of implementation of research and development in this sector since April, 2017; and

(c) the details of targets set and achieved in this regard since 2017?

#### **Implementation of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan**

2323. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved Annual Action Plans under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) for all States for the year 2019-20, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has put in place any monitoring mechanism for implementation of approved activities by the States; and

(c) whether the funds have been released for implementation of proposed activities, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?



### **Increasing speed of trains**

2324. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have proposed to ramp up the speed of trains on Delhi-Howrah and Delhi Mumbai routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of investment that would be required for implementing the project;

(d) whether Government would consider grand trunk route, namely Delhi-Chennai or Delhi-Hyderabad for speeding up the train since it takes more than 30 hours, at present; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Increase in number of passengers due to starting of new trains**

†2325. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trains started in the country in the last five years along with the details of their origin and destination stations; and

(b) the increase in the number of railway passengers, in percentage, because of introduction of these new trains?

### **Direct train from Amritsar to Ahmedabad**

2326. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce a regular direct train between Amritsar and Ahmedabad to facilitate trade and traders in view of the fact that more

than 30,000 metric tonnes of rice are transported to Kandla Port in Gujarat through trucks and that providing direct connectivity would help Railways to earn handsome revenues; and

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

### **Construction of railway line between Thalassery and Mysore**

2327. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of new Broad Gauge line between Thalassery and Mysore is under consideration;

(b) if so, the status of the project;

(c) the details of funds proposed for the project, if any; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

### **Revised strategy for station redevelopment programme**

2328. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued revised strategy for its 'Station Redevelopment Programme' after interacting with developers, investors and other stakeholders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Quality of food served in trains**

†2329. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how and when the quality of food served in train is checked;

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(b) whether any change is being made in the procedure of giving contracts for catering; and

(c) whether food menu is approved by the Department or is decided by the contractor?

#### **Vacant SC, ST posts in Railways**

‡2330. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacant posts in Railways;

(b) the data of the said posts, Zone-wise;

(c) the details of deadline for filling up these vacant posts; and

(d) the number of posts reserved for SCs/STs out of these vacant posts and the reasons for not filling up these posts?

#### **Conversion of unmanned level crossings into ROBs and RUBs**

2331. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road under Bridges (RUBs) at unmanned level crossings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of ROBs and RUBs proposed to be constructed in the country, State/ Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent during the last three years for the purpose, State/ Union Territory-wise?

#### **Slow pace of construction of railway flyover**

2332. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the construction work of railway flyover in Moradabad is going on at a slow pace while the work of the said flyover was started in the year 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in the said construction work; and

(c) by when the construction work of the said flyover is likely to be completed?

#### **Third rail line between Kazipet and Vijayawada**

2333. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started construction of third line between Kazipet-Vijayawada with electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has earmarked any fund for the completion of the project; and

(d) if so, the details of fund earmarked and by when the project is likely to be completed?

#### **Recruitment of women personnel in RPF**

‡2334. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision to increase the representation of women personnel in Railway Protection Force

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(RPF) by up to 10 per cent has been taken, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the posts reserved for women following the said decision and number of posts filled?

**Progress made on Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor projects**

2335. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work completed in Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project by Railways;

(b) the details of the funds spent so far in executing these projects;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time by which the dedicated freight corridor project would be inaugurated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Privatization of train operations**

2336. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding privatization of train operations is pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of criteria adopted for selection of such trains and the procedure to be adopted for selecting private operators;

(d) whether loss making trains are also proposed to be given for private operation; and

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

**Restarting of train service from Etah to Agra**

†2337. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a superfast/fast passenger train was started from Etah district headquarter to Agra five years ago after movements/agitations by the people of Etah district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons that led to discontinuation of the said train after some days thereby ignoring the public interest;

(c) whether the superfast/fast passenger train connecting Etah district headquarters to Agra would be restarted keeping in view the public interest; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Subsidy on railway tickets**

†2338. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy given to the passengers on railway tickets by Railways during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of fares collected by Railways from rail passengers and subsidy provided on each ticket; and

(c) whether Government is considering to bring any changes in the mechanism of giving subsidy to the passengers on tickets and if so, the details thereof?

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**Unfinished rail projects in West Bengal**

2339. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of projects related to the State of West Bengal, announced from 2009 to 2011 are lying unfinished; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise, and the reasons therefor?

**Usage of 3D technology in Railways**

2340. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current usage of 3D technologies by Railways;

(b) the details of collaborations with private entities by Railways regarding the above;

(c) the future plans of Railways for deploying 3D technologies; and

(d) the funds allocated so far for capacity building training of employees for using 3D technologies by Railways?

**Rail accidents during the year 2018-19**

2341. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 2018-19, fifty nine accidents took place where in thirty seven people died and one hundred eight were injured;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many minor accidents were never reported; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Performance of ICF**

2342. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) at Perambur, Chennai has consistently performed well and in a span 67 years, rolled out its 60,000<sup>th</sup> rail coach last week;

(b) whether ICF is behind the successful introduction of Vande Bharat (code named Train 18), a semi-high speed inter-city electric train;

(c) whether ICF is now working on Train 19 that will replace the Rajdhani Express; and

(d) whether even with high advancements in coach design and engineering, rakes with old coaches are being run on long-distance routes like Trivandrum to New Delhi known for rodent menace?

**Proposal to increase revenue of Railways**

2343. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Railways between 2017-18 and 2018-19 by means of ticket selling;

(b) the increase in revenue expected by the Ministry with introduction of the 'give it up' ticket subsidy scheme proposed in the 100-day-plan; and

(c) the Ministry's proposal to increase revenue through freight services in Railways?

**Installation of anti-collision device**

2344. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of installation of

anti-collision device to check railway accidents;

(b) whether this device has been experimented;

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

(d) whether any machine/device is also being used to identify the railway track flaws, apart from signal and information received from railway employees and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Collision of trains on railway tracks**

‡2345. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50,000 people have been killed during last three years due to the collision of trains on railway tracks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the railway tracks where people are killed in large numbers;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the places; and

(e) whether Government has made arrangements to avoid accidents at such identified places?

#### **Development of suburban railway network in Bengaluru**

2346. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways and the Government of Karnataka have reached an agreement on the use of railway land for the development of Bengaluru's suburban railway network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project has been prepared; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revenue loss due to passengers opting for air travel**

2347. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for privatisation of Railways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether many upper class train tickets have become more expensive than flight tickets since the introduction of flexi fare and whether Government has undertaken any study to find out about the revenue loss, if any; and

(c) the details of the maximum fare of Rajdhani first and second class and how it would compare with flight ticket for the same journey?

#### **Programmes/schemes for ensuring hygiene and cleanliness at trains and stations**

2348. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the fresh measures undertaken by Government to provide necessary facilities in Railways for comfortable travel and other programmes/schemes to ensure overall hygiene and cleanliness in Railways; and

(b) whether Railways have taken note of lack of hygiene and sanitation at the

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platforms and in running trains and if so, the details thereof?

**Repairing of old tracks and overhauling of bridges**

†2349. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:  
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH  
NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated a plan to repair old rail tracks and overhaul the dilapidated rail bridges across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the plan to renew tracks and reconstruct the dilapidated bridges in the States including Bihar and whether a time limit has been fixed in this regard, the complete details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Land acquisition for bullet train from Mumbai to Ahmedabad**

†2350. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of land acquisition for the proposed bullet train from Mumbai-Ahmedabad has not been completed yet due to the opposition from farmers;

(b) the details of the land acquired so far and the details of the land to be acquired; and

(c) the reasons for resistance of farmers towards land acquisition and the details of the solution envisaged by Government?

**Introduction of Government Bill to replace Private Member's Bill**

2351. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether on a Private Members Bill moved by Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Member of Parliament, namely, the Cow Protection Bill, 2017, Government has given assurance to bring an official Bill in the matter;

(b) if so, whether such an official Bill is proposed to be introduced during the current session of the House;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when such a bill would be introduced in the House?

**Phase III of PMGSY in Andhra Pradesh**

2352. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as part of 100 days plan, the Ministry has proposed to roll out Phase III of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for strengthening and widening rural roads of 1.25 lakh kilometers;

(b) if so, the details and the number of kilometers of rural roads in Andhra Pradesh that is going to be taken up under Phase III; and

(c) the details of expected expenditure involved and blueprint that the Ministry has prepared for this purpose?

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**Meeting of drug regulators of India and China**

2353. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug regulators of India and China had a meeting recently in Shanghai;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held during this meeting;

(c) has our country demanded a clear roadmap from China to meet our long-standing demand to open up Chinese pharmaceutical market for India exports; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to increase the share of Indian medicines in Chinese market?

**Implementation of MGNREGA in all the States**

2354. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government, with the help of all State Governments, is successfully implementing MGNREGA in all the States;

(b) if so, the amount of money allocated and spent by different States in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 till May and the rank of West Bengal; and

(c) the number of man days which were created by different States in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 till May and the rank of West Bengal?

**Welfare schemes under the Ministry**

2355. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the eligibility criteria for all the welfare schemes under the Ministry and the documents required;

(b) the welfare schemes under the Ministry which have a provision for online applications;

(c) the actions the Ministry is taking to increase awareness, application and enrolment of these schemes; and

(d) given that internet penetration is increasing day by day, the steps being taken to create a digital infrastructure for the schemes which do not have a provision for online application?

**Amount required for construction of houses in rural areas**

2356. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount given for construction of houses in rural areas is less than the total amount required;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of amount given under this scheme in last two years, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has considered increasing the amount for individual house construction; and

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

**Requirements for a model village**

‡2357. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the standard requirements for a 'Model village' and the quantum of available resources to develop the same;

(b) the details of the minimum population limit in order to connect villages to major roads under the 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana' and the steps taken to inter-connect all the villages; and

(c) with reference to (a) and (b) above, the district-wise details of villages where model infrastructure is available in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

**Construction of all-weather roads in rural areas**

2358. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed by Government for construction of all-weather roads in rural areas of the country under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether the targets fixed by Government have been adhered to; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures proposed by Government?

**Villages not connected with roads in Rajasthan under PMGSY**

2359. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages having a

population of more than 500 people which have not been connected with roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Rajasthan;

(b) the efforts being made by Government to connect those villages with roads at the earliest which are yet to be linked; and

(c) by when these villages are likely to be connected?

**Digitisation of land records**

2360. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Digital Land Records Modernisation Programme has not achieved 50 per cent of its target during last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of re-survey of lands as well as updation and digitisation of land records, State-wise; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government has allocated nominal funds for this programme?

**Fixation of wages under MGNREGA**

2361. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether prior to financial year 2011-12, the minimum wage rates for MGNREGS workers were fixed by State Governments whereas it is now being fixed by Central Government, causing discrepancies in the wage rate of Centre and States;

(b) if so, would the Central Government resort to the old system of allowing States to fix their rates; and

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(c) whether Government of Odisha has requested for relaxation under MGNREGS in Fani cyclone-affected districts of Odisha for provision of additional 50 days of wage employment and 30 per cent more wages for the current financial year, if so, the results thereon?

**Slow pace of work under PMGSY**

‡2362. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the progress in the works being done under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has not been as per expectations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the targets which were approved five years ago, have not been achieved so far;

(d) if so, the total number of such plans which are pending at present, State-wise details thereof; and

(e) by when these pending schemes are expected to be completed, the details thereof?

**Steps for boosting rural economy and generation of employment opportunities**

2363. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to

boost the rural economy of the country and generate employment opportunities among the youth of the rural areas;

(b) the details thereof along with achievements made so far in this regard; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to the States for creating necessary infrastructure in this regard?

**Sanctioning of houses under PMAY-Gramin for cyclone-Fani affected houses**

2364. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA:  
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR  
SWAIN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether five lakh homes under PMAY-G, especially for completely/ substantially damaged houses by extremely severe cyclone Fani would be sanctioned; and

(b) whether any step is being taken for special relaxation under MGNREGS in Fani-affected 159 blocks in 14 districts of Odisha for provision of additional 50 days of wage employment over and above the stipulated 100 days of work and 30 per cent more unskilled wages for financial year 2019-20 sought *vide* PR & DW Department letter No.8595 dated 18 May, 2019?

**Rural development projects**

2365. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
DR. L. HANUMAN-  
THAIAH:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rural development

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projects executed for the development of rural infrastructure and rural economy recently; and

(b) the funds allocated and disbursed for the above schemes up to 31 March, 2019?

**Construction of roads in Maharashtra under PMGSY**

2366. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads, along with their lengths, constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Maharashtra during the last five years;

(b) whether all the villages in the State have been connected with roads under PMGSY;

(c) if not, the number of villages which are yet to be provided with road connectivity, district-wise; and

(d) by when these villages would get road connectivity under PMGSY?

**Training under Jan Shikshan Sansthan**

2367. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) out of 8 lakh people registered in January, 2019 in Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), how many people have been trained, sector-wise and State-wise; and

(b) out of the total number of trained people in JSS, the number of disabled people and the sectors of their employment?

**Funds for Punjab under Skill Development Programme**

2368. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any funds for Punjab under Skill Development Programme since 2014;

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

(c) the number of youth trained under Skill Development Programme in Punjab, district-wise?

**Delay in payment of remuneration to Skill Instructors**

†2369. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Skill Instructors for the programmes run by the Ministry are not being paid their remuneration on time; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government is taking any steps in this regard?

**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Karnataka**

2370. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the number of persons trained under this programme in Karnataka during the last five years and the current year, district-wise and year-wise, along with the funds allocated for this scheme in Karnataka during the last five years; and

(c) whether Government has launched any programme under skill development to provide basic computer education to about 50 lakh people with the help of private companies and if so, the details thereof, particularly in Karnataka?

**Creation of jobs with emergence of new technologies**

2371. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified new kind of jobs that may be created with the emergence of new technologies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to provide the required skill set to youth in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Skill development scheme for unemployed youth in rural and urban areas**

2372. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being run by Government for skill development of the unemployed youth in urban and rural areas of the country; and

(b) the number of people who have benefited from these schemes during the last three years?

**Promotion of skill development in the country**

2373. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL  
DR. L. HANUMAN-  
THAIAH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to empower National Skill Development Corporation, Sector Skill Council, State Skill Missions etc., so as to promote skill development along with the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need to revamp skill development strategies with focus on industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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