

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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

Help to cashew nut and mango growing farmers of Andhra Pradesh

774. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR has a number of cashew nut and mango research stations across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ICAR has not given much help to farmers of Andhra Pradesh to upgrade their cashew nut and mango crops;

(c) if so, the steps proposed by Government to direct ICAR to intensify its efforts to help mango and cashew growing farmers in the country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the new varieties which ICAR has introduced in Andhra Pradesh during the

last three years and the current year, year-wise?

Techniques and plans for increased agricultural production

†775. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is providing for different techniques and plans for agricultural production, which farmers are getting on concessions, in order to double the income of farmers by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the different mediums being adopted for bringing awareness and promotion in this regard?

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Suicide by farmers in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that between January 2019 to April 2019, over 800 farmers have committed suicide in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the State and the Central Government to tackle farmers' suicide in Maharashtra and other States; and

(c) the details of the number of farmers' suicides in the country, since 2014, year-wise and State-wise?

Benefits of soil testing in Gujarat

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

(a) whether soil testing work is being conducted in districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people who have been benefited by this soil testing during the last three years?

Thrust on organised farming

778. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give thrust to organised farming in the country, if so, the steps taken by Government to encourage it; and

(b) whether many self-help groups would be benefited from it, if so, the details thereof?

MSP for key crops

779. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the MSP for key crops for Kharif season 2019, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has done or is aware of any impact study to evaluate the impact of MSP on paddy cultivation in the country; and

(c) whether large parts of North India are facing excessive water depletion due to paddy cultivation, if so, the steps taken by Government to help save water?

Environmental and ecological impacts of Green Revolution

780. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the environmental and ecological impacts of Green Revolution in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan for a second Green Revolution to solve the farm and farmer crisis in the country?

Worsening drought situation in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that drought situation in the country is worsening and the farmers of the country are in pitiable condition;

(b) if so, whether Government is prepared to face such challenges and to tackle impacts thereof;

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(c) if so, the details of plan and action therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that drought situation has forced the farmers to move to cattle camps and stay with them reportedly in unhygienic conditions and with inadequate supply of water and food therein; and

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

Suicides by farmers

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in first four months of year 2019, over thousands of farmers have committed suicide in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has not been able to support the farmers as committed since 2014; and

(d) the time bound action proposed by Government therefor?

Schemes for farmers affected by natural calamities

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

(a) the details of welfare schemes launched by the Central Government during the last three years for the welfare of farmers hit by natural calamities, State-wise;

(b) the number of disaster-affected farmers getting benefited by these schemes, district-wise; and

(c) whether Government would consider to undertake a survey in this

regard to provide benefits to affected farmers?

Impact of deficit rainfall on the Kharif crops in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there is 27.4 per cent deficit rainfall in this Kharif season in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is also aware that except Srikakulam, all the other 12 districts which comes to 80 per cent of mandals in Andhra Pradesh have reported deficit rainfall;

(c) whether Government is also aware that all 46 mandals of Nellore have been declared as drought- affected; and

(d) if so, the steps Ministry has taken/ proposed to take to help the State Government under NDRF, etc.?

Implementation of PMFBY

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

(a) the details of the beneficiaries covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during the year 2018-19, State-wise;

(b) the number of farmers having five hectare or less than five acres of cultivable land;

(c) whether this scheme has been extended to every farmer of each State, if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) if not, the reasons for non-implementation of the scheme therefor?

Expenditure on pension to farmers

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

(a) whether Government has announced monthly pension of ₹ 3000/- to all farmers irrespective of their land holdings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Promotion of hybrid seeds

†787. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to promote the use of hybrid seeds to increase the yield of farmers;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step so far in this regard; and

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

Misappropriation of MSCS funds

788. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elected office bearers of a Multi-State Cooperative Society (MSCS) can utilize MSCS funds for their own benefit;

(b) if not, what action can be taken against them for misappropriating MSCS funds;

(c) whether they can be prosecuted for offence of fraud, cheating, criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of MSCS funds and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of complaints concerning misappropriation of MSCS funds, received by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, during the last three years; and

(e) the details of action taken by Ministry on each complaint?

Inspection of the books of accounts and minutes of MSCS

789. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Section 108 (1) (iii) and 113 of Multi State Cooperative Society Act 2002, members of Multi-State Cooperative Society (MSCS) have statutory right to inspect the books of accounts and minutes;

(b) whether Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) has received complaints that the Managing Director of Kendriya Bhandar is not allowing its member(s) to exercise their statutory rights enshrined under Section 108(1) (iii) and 113 of MSCS Act 2002; and

(c) the action taken in the matter by CRCS to protect the statutory rights of members and to enable them to exercise their statutory rights?

Doubling the income of farmers of Jharkhand by 2022

†790. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for Jharkhand so far

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by Government with reference to the ambitious scheme "Doubling of Farmers Income by 2022";

(b) whether there is any plan to allocate any fund to Jharkhand for this purpose;

(c) whether a division-wise analysis of the positive, impacts of this scheme in Jharkhand has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring and testing of pesticides

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

(a) the current maximum residue limits for all the agriculture commodities under Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level;

(b) the mechanisms established/used by Government for monitoring and testing of pesticides for agriculture use; and

(c) the action taken by Government against those who use excess amount of pesticides than prescribed limit in the last three years?

Low growth rate in agriculture sector

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

(a) whether the country has been witnessing low growth rate in agriculture in last two consecutive years;

(b) if so, the growth rate of agriculture in 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(c) the reasons for low growth rate in agriculture?

Expansion of ambit of PM-Kisan

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

(a) whether the ambit of assured income support scheme, PM-Kisan for farmers has been expanded to include all the farmers who have their own land;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated beneficiary farmers under this scheme, State-wise and the measures being taken to identify the potential beneficiaries;

(c) whether the farmers who do not own any land are not eligible for this scheme; and

(d) if so, the number of such farmers in the country, State-wise and whether Government is considering any proposal to evolve a scheme to help such landless farmers in the country?

Tackling drought in the country

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

(a) whether Government has released any manual to effectively and efficiently manage drought like situation in the country in view of the expected below normal monsoon this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the manual also comprises a list of the States/districts which are likely to suffer drought so far, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the innovative measures being proposed to tackle drought in future?

**Agricultural production in
the country**

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

(a) whether the agriculture sector of the country is the second largest in the world in terms of arable land; and

(b) if so, the comparative productivity on per hectare basis of India *vis-a-vis* top ten agricultural countries of the world?

New schemes for agriculture sector

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

(a) the new schemes initiated by Government for the agriculture and farmers welfare sector in the last five years; and

(b) the remarkable achievements made for the benefit of agriculture and farmers through these schemes, State-wise?

**Realignment of cropping patterns to
water availability**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian agriculture needs to stop being obsessed with the productivity and instead start worrying about water productivity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country needs to make realignment of cropping patterns to water availability; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Schemes to increase the growth rate of
agriculture**

798. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched several schemes to increase the growth rate of the agriculture sector in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details and the nature of the contribution of States in increasing the growth rate in agriculture sector; and

(c) the details of facilities being provided to the States for increasing the growth rate in agriculture sector?

**Funds to farmers for purchasing
agricultural equipments**

†799. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to allocate some funds to the farmers to buy agricultural equipments, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to enable easy access of those schemes to farmers being run by the Government for welfare of farmers?

Suicides by farmers

800. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of farmers committing suicides throughout the country and the State in which such incidents are highest during the last three years;

(b) the details of welfare schemes

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Government has introduced in favour of farmers so that such incidents are minimized; and

(c) the details of amount of money that has been earmarked for such schemes and the amount spent during the last three years?

Framework for doubling farmers' income

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

(a) the framework Government is following to double farmers' income by 2022;

(b) whether Government has collected any data on the income of farmers in the last 3 years;

(c) if so, the details of data of farmers' income in the last 3 years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the initiatives Government has taken, on recommendations of the Committee to double farmers' income; and

(e) whether there has been any outcome of these initiatives, if so, the details thereof?

Access to State-of-the-art technology to increase yields

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

(a) the manner in which Government plans to raise the productivity per unit of land in the country in view of the ever increasing demand for foodgrains;

(b) the steps being taken to make state-of-the-art technology accessible to farmers to increase yields, reduce water usage and diversify the crops; and

(c) the reasons why 'agriculture' and 'water' are not included in the Concurrent List to prioritize production and effective usage of available resources?

Production of sugarcane in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of sugarcane has decreased in the country;

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

(c) the details of sugarcane production during the last three years, in the country, State-wise?

Formulation of new seed policy

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

(a) whether Government has a proposal to formulate a new seed policy to promote the production of quality seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of subsidy provided by Government to various States/Union Territories for the production of seeds during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Lease of farmland to tenant farmers

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

(a) whether tenant farmers have to continue farming as they do not have the knowledge/skill of any other work, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the farmers lease the land between ₹ 1,000 to ₹ 5,000 per acre; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to regulate lease price of farmland and provide bank loans to tenant farmers to contain suicides?

Effect of Crop Diversification Scheme on paddy production

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

(a) whether the State Government of Haryana has launched a Crop Diversification Scheme wherein the farmers have opted out of planting paddy on 7443 hectares of land in the State;

(b) if so, the details of response of the Central Government on the scheme;

(c) if so, the effects that non-plantation of paddy is going to have on the production of paddy; and

(d) if so, the details of alternatives to less production of paddy?

Performance of pesticide testing laboratories in Telangana

807. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are two pesticide testing laboratories in Telangana viz. Rajendranagar and Warangal;

(b) if so, the performance of each of the above pesticide testing laboratory;

(c) to what extent they are helping in reducing the spurious supply of pesticides to farmers in Telangana; and

(d) the steps taken to modernize and strengthen each of the above pesticide testing laboratory since their establishment?

Review of schemes for doubling farmers' income

808. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has extended Minimum Support Price (MSP) of all crops but in the absence of effective procurement infrastructure and market reforms, most agriculture commodities are selling 10 to 30 per cent below their floor prices or MSPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has reviewed the performance of new schemes/programmes implemented for doubling of farmers' income by 2022 and if so, the shortcomings noticed which create hindrance in doubling the farmers' income; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to alleviate these shortcomings and improve the quality of life of farmers, especially small and marginal farmers?

Suicides by farmers

809. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agrarian distress has led farmers to commit suicide in recent years across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
 (c) the steps Government is taking to implement land reform, quantity and quality of water, technology fatigue, access, adequacy and timelines of institutional credit and opportunities for assured and remunerative marketing?

Pension to farmers

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to give pension to the farmers after the age of 60 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the policy regarding the proposal of giving pension to farmers after the age of 60 years is being prepared;
- (d) if so, whether Government has received the suggestions of the experts in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in agriculture research institutions

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 50 per cent of sanctioned posts in agriculture research institutions and State agriculture extension system are vacant in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to fill the vacancies in agriculture research institutions and State agriculture extension system?

Disbursement of money in the account of farmers under PM-Kisan Yojana

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmers have not received the increased amount under PM-Kisan Nidhi Yojana;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total amount of funds allocated under this scheme and the quantum of funds received by farmers and the quantum of funds returned due to irregularities;
- (d) the view of the Ministry for providing benefits of this Yojana to rest of the farmers and by when these farmers would be benefited by this scheme; and
- (e) whether in blatant violation of rules, amount has been transferred hastily even in the accounts of those who were not eligible?

Accurate information to farmers through Artificial Intelligence

†813. 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 Government

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is considering to increase the income of farmers with the help of modern technology in which there is a proposal to give accurate information to them through artificial intelligence regarding crops, weather and insects; and

(b) the crop season from which Government has been considering to provide such information so that farmers can handle or address the problem of hailstorm, frost and pest attack and the details thereof?

Identification of farmers of Maharashtra for PM-Kisan Yojana

†814. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers identified under the PM-Kisan Nidhi Yojana so far; and

(b) the number of farmers identified in Maharashtra so far, district-wise?

Slaughtering of cows

815. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licensed slaughter houses in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that a large number of cows are either being slaughtered illegally or smuggled to Bangladesh, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to enact any law to ban cow slaughter in the country;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to prevent unauthorized slaughtering,

transportation and trade of cows and their smuggling to neighbouring countries; and

(e) whether Government is contemplating to penalize the person accused of slaughtering cow by prosecuting them in fast track courts, if so, the details thereof?

MSP for milk

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

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India remains at leading position in milk production in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the demand has been coming time to time from milk producing farmers to fix prices of milk; and

(c) whether Government is considering to develop a mechanism to fix price of milk on the lines of fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for agricultural crops?

Development of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Poultry farming in Jharkhand

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

(a) the details of the Central schemes being implemented for development of animal husbandry, dairy and poultry farming in various States, including Jharkhand;

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(b) the targets fixed and achievements made under these schemes during the last three years; and

(c) the funds allocated by Government to various States under the said schemes during the last financial year, along with the amount released to various States, State-wise, including Jharkhand?

Funds for fishing sector in Andhra Pradesh

818. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with an outlay of ₹7522.48 crore;

(b) if so, the details and purposes for which the fund has been created;

(c) the details of funds that has been allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh, if any; and

(d) the details of employment opportunities that have been proposed to be created, utilizing this fund in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Drought in Maharashtra

819. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost entire rural Maharashtra is reeling under unprecedented drought conditions adversely affecting the people livestock, animals and birds as drinking water, food, fodder etc., are not available and there is exodus of people from the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the relief measures that have been extended by the Central and State Government in drought-affected rural Maharashtra?

Funds for implementation of various schemes in Andhra Pradesh

820. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released any funds during the last three years under various schemes of the Ministry across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(d) whether the funds released by Government are sufficient for attaining the objectives of the various schemes; and

(e) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

Pisciculture in reservoirs

†821. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that are being taken by Government to promote pisciculture;

(b) whether Government is considering on reviving the dried up reservoirs located in rural areas and starting pisciculture there, if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the steps that are being taken by Government to put a check on fishing activities undertaken by means of angling?

Aid to fishermen affected by natural disasters

822. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated to secure or aid fishermen against natural disasters, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry has provided any relief and compensation to fishermen who were severely hit by Gaja cyclone last year and Fani cyclone this year, if so, the details of funds allocated and policies formulated for their rehabilitation and restoration of livelihood following such cyclones?

Blood banks for animals

823. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any blood banks for animals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal with Government to start blood bank for animals?

Production of milk

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

(a) whether the production of milk has increased in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether online marketing of dairy products is mushrooming in the country;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted on purchase of dairy products from farmers and the quality of milk;

(e) whether many complaints have been received regarding adulterated milk; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes to promote camel's milk

†825. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is running various schemes to boost camel's milk dairy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of places in Rajasthan, where such dairies have been established?

Capping prices of cancer drugs

826. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that emboldened by the positive impact of capping stent prices, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has imposed a trade margin cap on nine cancer drugs which is expected to lead to an MRP reduction up to 87 per cent in some cases;

(b) whether Government has found that the average out-of-pocket expenditure for cancer patients is 2.5 times more than that for other diseases and that the capping move would benefit 2.2 million cancer

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patients in the country, resulting in annual savings of around ₹ 800 crore in drug costs; and

(c) whether Government has considered the study report by Department of Cardiology, AIIMS, reporting the improved availability of stents at affordable costs to the patients?

Promotion of City Compost and sale of compost to Farmers of Jharkhand

827. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under policy on Promotion of City Compost, fertilizer companies have adopted hundreds of villages for promoting the use of City Compost;

(b) if so, the details of all villages, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the villages in Jharkhand where these fertilizer companies are selling City Compost directly to farmers?

Setting up of Jan Aushadi Kendras

†828. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5000 Jan Aushadi Kendras have been set up by Government, if so, details thereof, State-wise and region-wise;

(b) whether there are still some districts in Chhattisgarh State where Jan Aushadhi Kendras have not been set up, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up Jan Aushadhi Kendras in remaining districts of other States, including the districts of Chhattisgarh, where Jan Aushadhi Kendras have not been set up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any time limit has been fixed by Government in this regard?

New Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy

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

(a) whether Government has proposed dramatic changes to regulations that keep a check on prices of medicines and medical devices to prevent profiteering and deliver affordable healthcare to patients;

(b) whether Government has drafted a new pharmaceutical policy that proposes to balance the need for price control of medicines in line with the Central Government's push for ease of business and "Make in India" programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

PepsiCo sued potato farmers in Gujarat

830. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the issue of filing of copyright infringement lawsuit towards farmers in Gujarat by MNCs such as PepsiCo;

(b) if so, the details of measures Government has taken to provide support to farmers, if no measures have been taken, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures Government takes to provide legal aid in case large giants such as MNCs sue a farmer in fraudulent cases; and

(d) if no measures are taken, the measures Government proposes to take in such matters, the details thereof?

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Setting up more fertilizer units

831. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with more fertilizer production units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to put up plants in unrepresented areas to ensure equal distribution of fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Controlling prices of life saving drugs

832. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

(a) the number of life saving drugs, the prices of which have been reduced by Government in the recent past;

(b) the percentage of reduction in prices; and

(c) whether Government is planning to reduce the prices of more life saving drugs in the near future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Start-up India Scheme

833. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the start-up India Scheme and the number of registrations done under this scheme since its inception across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised and the targets set/achieved under this scheme since its inception so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the State Governments which have formulated start-up policies in their respective States at present; and

(d) the top five States in the country with highest number of registrations and execution of start-ups, the details thereof?

Single window system for manufacturing sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to implement single window system in States for facilitating investors, so that current growth rate in manufacturing sector could be doubled;

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

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

Dispute settlement among WTO members

835. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has taken the initiative in holding a meeting of trade ministers from 22 developing countries, producing a Delhi Declaration that calls for reinvigorating rules-based multilateral system for dispute settlement among WTO members;

(b) whether US has initiated trade disputes with large developing countries

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like India and China outside the multilateral framework, roping in the European Union for support; and

(c) whether, while joining other developing countries to oppose the protectionist policies of the US and EU, India itself has raised tariffs on a number of products in the name of 'Make in India'?

Exports to GDP ratio

836. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio has been the lowest consistently in the last three years;

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

(c) the details of the rate of trade openness of the country in the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the above situation?

Promotion of export of marine products

837. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to promote export of marine products with special focus on the State of Andhra Pradesh, given the fact that Andhra Pradesh has one of the longest coastal line in the country and huge manpower is employed in this field;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of National Investment and Manufacturing Zone at Kalinganagar in Odisha

838. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken necessary steps till date through its respective Ministries for creation of the external infrastructure, as approved by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in its final approval, for development of National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Kalinganagar in Odisha;

(b) whether the Central Government has taken any step on other NIMZs approved in different States; and

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

Import of pulses

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed private traders to import upto 650,000 tonnes of pulses in the financial year ending March, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to inferior quality of pulses imported, many traders are not interested to lift the stocks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Job creation in manufacturing and export sectors

840. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the creation of jobs in the country has weakened due to the downturn in the manufacturing and export sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of jobs likely to be created in the Private and Public Sector Undertakings in next two years; and

(c) the details of employment likely to be generated in the country, State-wise and sector-wise?

Import and export misinvoicing

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

(a) whether Government lost an estimated \$ 13 billion of revenue in 2016 to import and export misinvoicing, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the corrective steps taken by Government to detect this misinvoicing and action taken in this regard?

US-China trade issues

†842. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export of Indian products likely to get promoted as a result of ongoing trade war between US and China;

(b) the extent to which the trade deficit of India with China could be reduced on account of said trade war, year-wise details of the estimates including export made to China; and

(c) the sectors in India witnessing increase in quantum of investment by US and China due to Trade war, the details thereof?

Targets set for import and export

†843. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set for import and export by India during the last five years;

(b) the quantum of import and export made in terms of US Dollar in compliance with stipulated target during the last five years, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that India is not producing goods and services as per its domestic demands towards achieving the balance of trade, if so, the details of goods and services involved therein; and

(d) the measures being adopted by India towards achieving a trade surplus, the details including achievements during last five years?

Initiatives to boost trade with African countries

844. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the initiatives taken by it to boost trade with African countries has met its desired goal;

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(b) whether the Ministry was able to build an effective engagement with the Indian diaspora in Africa in order to further deepen and strengthen India-Africa trade ties; and

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

Industrial development of hilly States

845. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain areas/ regions in hilly States in the country, despite having rich natural resources, are still industrially backward;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto, State-wise, including Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand;

(c) whether Government proposes to promote industrial development of the said areas/regions;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds sanctioned and targets fixed in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to promote industrial development of the said areas/regions in the country?

Hike in cement price

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

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

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn towards recent hike in cement price, almost doubling up to ₹ 400 per 50 kg bag, while there was no increase in the input costs;

(b) if so, the response of Government;

(c) whether any complaint was made in the Competition Commission of India to curb cartelization by cement companies as done in the past;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to keep the price of cement under control for affordable homes for poor?

Services under Services Export Promotion Council

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

(a) the number of service sectors under Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC);

(b) the number of initiatives taken to promote legal services under SEPC;

(c) whether it is a fact that many of the legal fraternity are not fulfilling the criteria to provide legal services in foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Continuous decline of share of agriculture sector to GVA of the country

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

(a) whether Government considers the continuous decline in the share of agriculture and allied sectors to Gross Value Added (GVA) of the country as expected outcome in a country where more than 50 per cent population are engaged in these sectors for livelihood; and

(b) whether it is not an indicator to show that contribution of more than 50 per cent of people to the country's economy is decreasing and thus they were going into poverty continuously?

Timely payment to sugarcane growing farmers

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

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outstanding amount of sugarcane growing farmers due on sugar mills during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that year after year, sugarcane growing farmers are not being paid on time because of which the outstanding amount has been increasing; and

(c) the steps taken by Government keeping in view the non-payment to sugarcane growing farmers by sugar mills on time and the result thereof?

Action Plan for timely payment to sugarcane growing farmers

†850. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition

of sugarcane growing farmers of Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country is miserable, as they are not being paid their dues on time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action plan of Government for timely payment to the sugarcane growing farmers?

Distribution of ration

851. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ration card holders in the country in last five years, year-wise;

(b) the quantum and types of grains provided to consumers per persons under Public Distribution system; and

(c) whether rations are available round the year for the consumers in all the States?

Action on complaints regarding TPDS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the complaints regarding Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) have been steadily increasing;

(b) if so, the response of Government in this regard; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the culprits on the basis of complaints received and if so, the details thereof during last three years, State-wise?

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Availability of PDS ration to migrant labourers

853. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inter-State migrant labourers are entitled to avail ration through Public Distribution System in the cities where they migrate;

(b) whether Government has any policy, norms, regulations or instruction to ensure ration availability to internal migrant labourers in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

MSP claims of the Government of Karnataka

854. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than ₹ 950 crore of settlement and MSP claims of the Government of Karnataka are pending with the Ministry since 2006-07 onwards;

(b) if so, the details of settlement and MSP claims since 2006-07, year-wise and product-wise; and

(c) by when the Ministry is going to settle the claims?

Leakages and diversion of subsidised foodgrains

855. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been large scale leakages and diversions of subsidised foodgrains meant for Public Distribution System (PDS), if so, the details of the diversion of subsidised foodgrains, State-wise; and

(b) whether creation of the e-portal helped to track these issues more effectively and increase transparency in the system, if so, the details thereof?

Delivery of ration at door-step

856. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed a new initiative of door-step delivery of ration to elderly people and other beneficiaries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all States and UTs have accepted this proposal, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry maintains a central registry of elderly beneficiaries of food rations in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending payment of procurement price to farmers of Telangana

857. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central and State Governments have dues of more than ₹ 2,500 crore to farmers in Telangana towards procurement price for foodgrains procured during last Rabi season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of foodgrains procured and payment made to farmers in Telangana State during last Rabi season?

Grievances against misleading advertisements

858. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any mechanism for addressing grievances against misleading advertisements;

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

(c) the details regarding such complaints received during the last one year and status of their disposal;

(d) whether Government has identified any focus areas under the mechanism for addressing grievances against misleading advertisements; and

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

Availability of wheat and rice to the poor under Food Security Scheme

†859. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat at the rate of ₹ 2 per kg. and rice at the rate of ₹ 3 per kg. provided by Government to poor under Food Security Scheme, are not easily available to the poor; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take stern action against those who are hindering the smooth implementation of this scheme?

Consumer price of items provided through PDS

†860. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the details of consumer prices and quantity of each item being provided to each person through Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country?

Fall in sugar output

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

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar output may fall up to 40 per cent in the country, especially in the drought-hit States;

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

(c) whether Central Government has made any assessment of the impact of drastic fall in sugar output; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Black marketing of goods and commodities

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that a large-scale black market exists practically on all goods and commodities;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the fact that preventing black

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marketing is important to create a congenial business atmosphere in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent/defeat black marketing?

Setting up of cold chain and processing facilities

863. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thirty per cent of vegetables perished in the process of transportation from the farms to the primary and secondary markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up cold chains and processing facilities and to promote ripening chambers to reduce the wastage of vegetables in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any scheme to make information about production, market rates and weather conditions available to the farmers?

Challenges in food processing sector

864. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the food processing sector of the country is facing extreme challenge in terms of poor supply chain linkages, lack of skilled manpower and low adherence to quality standards; and

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

Opportunities in agro-processing sector

865. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge opportunities in the agro-processing sector are not exploited properly and the rate of investment, both private and public, is very low;

(b) if so, the remedial measures that are proposed to be taken to improve this sector; and

(c) whether Government is considering a proposal to remove the Essential Commodities Act and Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) which are considered to be a hurdle in developing the agro-processing sector, if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of cold storage and dehydration plants

†866. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of green vegetables which get rotten due to lack of sufficient facilities of scientific cold storage, dehydration or processing at present in the country;

(b) the quantum of the green vegetables that perished due to lack of processing in last three years and the estimated loss from it;

(c) whether there is any scheme to set up cold storage and dehydration plant at block level, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government assistance would be given to entrepreneurs willing to set up such plants, if so, the details thereof?

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Implementation of PMKSY

867. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that have been taken for creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet since the launch of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) the number of new jobs that have been created through the projects taken up under this scheme since its launch; and

(c) how the steps taken have helped in increasing farmer's income in North-East and ITDP notified areas under the Sampada Yojana?

Setting up of projects in Tamil Nadu under PMKSY

868. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State of Tamil Nadu to set up projects under all components of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has felt any need to rationalize the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

Status of e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project

869. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages that have been benefited from the use of information technology as provided under the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project;

(b) in what manner the steps taken under e-Panchayat Mission helped in improving governance of local self-government; and

(c) the measures that, have been taken for capacity building of Panchayat representatives and officials under e-Panchayat Mission and the number of representatives and officials that have been trained in the last five years?

Financial reporting system for local Governments

870. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a credible financial reporting system for local Governments;

(b) if so, the details of reporting in the last five years, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of railway platforms

871. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects for modernisation of railway platforms which

are in the pipeline in various railway stations of the country;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to modernise more number of platforms to facilitate the passengers with basic amenities and requirements;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Manufacturing of Vande Bharat Express Train-sets

872. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturing of Vande Bharat Express train-sets at the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai has come to a halt, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the internal vigilance department of the Ministry is inquiring into the purchase of electric equipment for Vande Bharat Express, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of rail tourism

873. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote rail tourism;

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

(c) whether Government has identified any sector for promotion of rail tourism;

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

(e) whether any sector in Rajasthan has been identified for promotion of rail tourism; and

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

Use of environment friendly technologies in Railways

874. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are one of the biggest consumers of energy in the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Railways for making the best use of environment friendly technologies to enhance the network wisely; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Difficulties in implementation of railway schemes of Konkan Railway

†875. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is facing many difficulties in implementation of various Railway schemes of Konkan Railway;

(b) if so, the details of the difficulties being faced; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to do away with above difficulties for completing the pending projects?

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Stoppage of Matsyagandha Express at Kankavali railway station

†876. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests for stoppage of Matsyagandha Express at Kankavali railway station in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Konkan region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the above requests?

General class coaches in mail/express and superfast trains

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Railway Budget 2007-08, Railways endeavour to provide six general class coaches in all mail/express and superfast trains;

(b) if so, the details of the mail/express and superfast trains running with less than six second sitting general coaches;

(c) whether Government proposes to make it mandatory for all mail/express and superfast trains to run with at least six general class coaches;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Starting Vande Bharat Express from Ranchi to Madurai

†878. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers of Darbhanga-Hyderabad Special Train

have to wait from 9 PM in night to 5 AM in morning at Ranchi station in Jharkhand due to which the condition of women, children and elderly persons become miserable;

(b) whether it is a fact that South India bound trains from Jharkhand are very important from medical and tourism perspective;

(c) whether the problems of lakhs of passengers can be solved by starting 'Vande Bharat Express' train from Ranchi *via* important stations to Madurai; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of railway stations

879. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development of railway stations in the country and allocation of fund made there for during the last three years;

(b) whether private players are allowed to participate in the programme and if so, the extent to which they participated during the period; and

(c) whether Government has finalised any action plan for development of all the major railway stations in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Manufacturing of bullet trains

880. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for manufacturing of bullet trains in the country;

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(b) the estimated cost of the train and area proposed to be covered by these trains; and

(c) the details of financial planning and manufacturing of bullet train facility in the country?

Budgetary allocation for Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli railway line

†881. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation made for the Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli railway line in the financial year 2018-19;

(b) the details thereof, point-wise; and

(c) the status of physical progress made against this budgetary allocation?

Direct train connectivity from Ranchi to Ahmedabad and Mumbai

882. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains directly connecting Ranchi in Jharkhand to Ahmedabad/Surat in Gujarat and Mumbai in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any proposal/representation to start direct trains between Ranchi and Ahmedabad/Surat and Ranchi and Mumbai;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Railways have carried out any survey to ascertain the potential to start a new train between these stations; and

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

Developmental activities at railway stations

883. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in addressing the situation of crowding in Thiruvananthapuram railway station;

(b) the status of developmental activities in Kochuveli station; and

(c) the reasons for delay in completion of a satellite station and yard in Nemom station?

Massage services in trains

884. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zonal railway authorities have proposed to provide massage services to passengers in reserved coaches on trains starting from Indore;

(b) whether Railways have the wherewithal to empanel trained masseurs with proven professional antecedents and to monitor their work; and

(c) whether such services are better rendered in privacy as it would cause discomfort and inconvenience to fellow travellers including women passengers in reserved coaches?

Civic amenities in Kharagpur railway town

885. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways did not allow any development works including supply of drinking water,

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construction of road, drainage and latrine in rail colonies and rail basti in Kharagpur railway town in Kharagpur Division under South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether a MoU would be signed by Kharagpur Divisional authority with Kharagpur Municipality for taking up development works?

High speed train between Mysore and Chennai

886. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has approved the proposal from Germany to run high-speed train between Mysore and Chennai with an estimated cost of ₹ 1 lakh crore;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal submitted to the Railway Board by the Government of Germany; and

(c) by when the project is expected to be completed?

Passenger amenities at Villupuram railway station

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken activities to increase/augment passenger amenities at Villupuram railway station in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of activities undertaken to augment passenger amenities at Villupuram railway station during last five years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Renovation of railway stations in Telangana

888. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to renovate the railway stations in the State of Telangana under its railway stations redevelopment programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of stations being considered for renovation and redevelopment, particularly in the State of Telangana; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose?

Privatisation of trains

†889. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning for privatisation of trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner Government would control the whimsicality of the private operators and travel fare after privatisation of Railways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion process in Railways

†890. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the process of promotion of employees from Group-D to Group-C and Group-C to Group-B in the Railways; and

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(b) whether the execution of this process is done with complete transparency by an independent agency?

Railways project in Chhattisgarh

†891. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have started the work to connect Ambikapur to Barwadih in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the work; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Railways to accelerate this project?

Tripartite agreement with French Railways

892. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have entered into a tripartite agreement with French Railways (SNCF) and French Development Agency (AFD); and

(b) if so, the details of the grant-in aid financing of 7 lakh euros and the list of stations to be covered under the agreement, State/UT-wise?

Hawkers and unauthorised vendors around stations

893. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unscrupulous hawkers and unauthorised vendors booked

under Section 144 of the Railways Act, 1989 in the last five years; and

(b) the preventive steps taken by the Ministry to dismantle all unauthorised kitchens in and around the station limits or along the tracks to stop the source supply of items for vending?

Upgradation of Gomti Nagar railway station

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

(a) whether upgradation work of Gomti Nagar railway station in Lucknow is in progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targeted timeline for completion of the work?

Wi-fi facility in trains

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide wi-fi facilities in moving trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to install CCTV cameras in all coaches in long distance trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unmanned level crossings

896. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of several steps taken by Railways thousands of unmanned railway level crossings remained as it is;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is considering to take further steps to eliminate unmanned railway level crossings on a timebound basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Addition of coaches in trains

897. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to increase the capacity of all trains by providing two additional coaches, particularly AC-III tier, on routes where demand for berths and seats is high, to enhance revenue;

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

(c) whether rehabilitated AC-III tier coaches are being used in long distance popular trains thereby compromising on safety and quality of passengers travel;

(d) if so, details thereof and the alternative measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(e) whether representations have been received from public representatives for including AC First Class coach in Goa Express; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

Checking activities of brokers in e-rail ticketing

†898. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to check activities of brokers in Railway e-ticketing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of brokers caught during the past one year along with the number of e-tickets seized from them?

Steps to prevent deaths due to trespassing

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have been taking steps to prevent railway deaths by preventing trespassers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have also been constructing boundary wall to prevent such deaths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

AC problem in Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin AP Express

900. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the frequent AC problem being faced in Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin AP AC Express thereby causing unnecessary difficulties to the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of times such problems have been faced; and

(d) whether any remedial measures have been taken/being taken by the Ministry to alleviate the problems of passengers?

Operating ratio of Railways

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

(a) whether the operating ratio of Railways is under stress, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the details of average operating ratio in the last three years and the profitability of Railways;

(c) the details of passenger and freight revenue targets set by Government in the last three years and whether the said targets were met; and

(d) whether Government has taken any initiatives or conducted any survey to ascertain the feasibility of privatisation of Railways due to continuing high operating ratio and if so, the details thereof?

Ladies coaches in trains

†902. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of ladies coaches are very less in various trains running on important rail routes in the country, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of cases of rape, eve-teasing and assault on women registered by Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) during last five years, zone-wise;

(c) whether Government is contemplating on increasing the number of ladies coaches in trains to ensure proper safety of female passengers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other efforts being made by Government for safe and comfortable journey of female passengers?

Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project

903. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether land acquisition for the

Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project is facing opposition from villagers/farmers in Gujarat and Maharashtra as they are not allowing the joint measurement survey in many places;

(b) whether as per rules and procedures laid down under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the mandatory social impact assessment and impact study on food production losses were not being followed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame given to complete the project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of ongoing projects in Uttar Pradesh

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

(a) the details of sanctioned and ongoing railway projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the status/progress of each project;

(c) whether Government has any plan for upgradation, doubling and electrification of Allahabad-Faizabad railway track;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgraded tools for coolies to carry heavy baggages

905. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is not taking any initiative to stop

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unjustified human exploitation of coolies across the country for the reason that it has not received any proposal for upgradation of tools to carry heavy baggage of the passengers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason for non-availability of tools for carrying baggage?

Redevelopment of Nellore station

906. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nellore is one of the stations identified by Railways to be redeveloped in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the date of the proposal in this regard and the action taken by the Ministry so far; and

(c) by when the redevelopement of Nellore station would be completed?

Escalation of project cost due to delay

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

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in cost of Railway projects due to delay in their completion;

(b) if so, the number of projects delayed in the last two years and the cost escalation, project-wise; and

(c) whether any monitoring committee has been constituted to take corrective measures and to expedite the completion of projects by removing hurdles, if so, the details thereof?

Running time of trains in Kerala

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

(a) whether any steps have been taken to improve the running time of trains plying in Kerala under the Ministry's 'Mission Raftaar' programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Improvement in rail service in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

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

(a) the details of expansion of new passenger train services, electrification work and improvement in passenger amenities in various railway stations falling under the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, in the last three years;

(b) whether Government would introduce more passenger trains from Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam towards North India in view of persistent demand; and

(c) if so, whether it would be included in the current financial year?

Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh

†910. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the ongoing, pending and proposed railway projects in Madhya Pradesh since last five years till date; and

(b) the details of the action plan devised towards time-bound completion thereof?

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Upgradation of railway stations in Gujarat

†911. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified and declared some railway stations in districts of Gujarat as Adarsh Station for upgradation of facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the railway stations; and

(c) the details of the facilities provided and upgraded at the Adarsh Stations in the said districts?

Implementation of Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat programme

912. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of "Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat" programme since its inception and the achievements made under the programme;

(b) whether Government proposes to undertake a massive awareness programme amongst the passengers about their role in the maintenance of cleanliness; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Elimination of unmanned level crossings

913. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey, in the recent past, to identify the number of unmanned level crossings in various railway junctions in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of unmanned level crossings that have been closed or made inoperative or made manned level crossings to stop the increasing number of railway accidents?

Execution of work of linking Northeast States under PPP mode

914. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to connect all the capitals of Northeast States by rail;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is proposed to be executed under PPP mode, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time-frame within which it is proposed to be initiated and completed?

Skill development for rural youth

915. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unskilled rural youth, both men and women in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes available to impart skill development for rural youth;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated during each of the last five years, State-wise; and

(d) the number of rural youth who were skilled and given jobs during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

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Slow pace of work under PMGSY in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the slow pace of work under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of the projects under the said scheme which have not been completed within the stipulated time period during the year 2017-19; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to speed up the work under PMGSY in Rajasthan?

Construction of bridges under PMGSY

917. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received and sanctioned by Government regarding construction of bridges under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any request from the State Governments for relaxing the norms under PMGSY;

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

(d) the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Allocation of funds under National Rural Employment Programme

918. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by the Central Government under the National

Rural Employment Programme to the various States of the country, including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under NREGA in the State of Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(c) the funds likely to be advanced to the State Government during the current year?

Speeding up work of rural development

919. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to convene a meeting of district collectors at State level to speed up the work of rural development and creating job opportunities among the youth of the rural areas;

(b) if so, the agenda of the proposed meeting;

(c) whether such meetings have been organised by the Ministry earlier also; and

(d) if so, the outcome of these meetings?

Implementation of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

920. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages included under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) during last year along with their population and the number of Members of Parliament yet to identify any village under SAGY, phase-wise;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the implementation of said Yojana and if so, the details and the outcome thereof,

indicating the achievements made thereunder including the targets fixed and the number of villages developed with all facilities including banking and postal services; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide any Central assistance for successful implementation of the said Yojana and if so, the details thereof?

Continuation of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

921. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to continue the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government would make some changes in the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Road construction under PMGSY

922. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rural road construction under PMGSY has been at its peak during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and roads constructed under it in the last four years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have been demanding more money under PMGSY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in yearly man-days under MGNREGA

923. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reduced the yearly man-days for each person with regard to employment guarantee under MGNREGA;

(b) if so, the gap between man-days determined, at present and those determined earlier;

(c) the number of man-days fixed for each person annually, at present and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the man-days have been curtailed, in view of unsatisfactory performance under MGNREGA?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Uttarakhand

†924. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ringalpani-Gweel-Gatkot-Mandlu, almost 22 kilometer route, under Pauri Gharwal's development block Dwarikhal, Uttarakhand was sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, if so, the date of sanction thereof;

(b) the target set to complete this road and by when it would be completed;

(c) whether the quality of this road has been checked by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for the under-construction road from the route stated in part 'A' to Gweel village being incomplete; and

(e) the date by when the work of ashphalting on the whole road would be completed?

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Establishment of National Council for Vocational Education and Training

925. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently proposed establishing a National Council for Vocational Education and Training that will offer professional degrees in skills, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the targets that Government hopes to achieve through this institute and the timeline by which the institute is to be established; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the degrees awarded under the Skill India programme are accepted by private companies, both in the country and abroad?

Survey to identify the sectors likely to attract maximum skilled force

926. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey/study has been conducted by Government to work out the sectors likely to engage the maximum skilled workforce; and

(b) if so, the measures of workforce, in terms of percentage of total skilled persons, likely to be employed in the next three years?

Target of skilling young people

†927. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of young people having been skilled through Skill

Development Scheme during the last five years; and

(b) the details of the target planned to be achieved by Government in this regard by 2022?

Training and skill development for employment in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

928. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth given training for skill development for employment in the last two years in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) how many of them, among the trained youth, have been gainfully employed or self-employed in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the employment opportunities are very poor for them; and

(d) if so, the efforts made to ensure that all the persons trained under the scheme are gainfully employed?

Achievements under skill development programme

929. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by Government in providing jobs to the youth of the country under skill development programme, till date along with the details thereof, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the recent steps Government has

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taken/proposed to be taken for removing unemployment throughout the country among educated/skilled and unskilled youth in various States, State-wise details thereof?

Employment in other flagship schemes through Skill India Mission

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

(a) as to how many people have been placed in Smart City Mission through the partnership between Skill India Mission and other national flagship schemes; and

(b) the manner in which Government has ensured and tracked the placement of skilled workforce under Skill India Mission into the partner programmes?

Women in new age jobs through Skill India Mission

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

(a) the number of women enrolled and placed in new age job sectors like Artificial Intelligence, 3D printing, Data Analytics, automobile mechanics under the 18 National Skill Training Institutes for Women (NSTIW), which organise NCVT-approved training for women;

(b) how many institutes, out of the 18 NSTIW, are providing skill training in these new age sectors as mentioned above;

(c) the steps Ministry has taken to attract women's participation in these courses; and

(d) the average salary of women who have received training through these centres sector-wise, under Skill India Mission?

National Skill Training Institute in Trichy

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

(a) the number of women enrolled in each course under the National Skill Training Institute in Trichy in the last three years;

(b) the details of the placements pertaining to each course in the Institute in the last three years; and

(c) whether Government proposes to improve the rate of enrollment for the courses, and if so, the details thereof?

Digital Skill Development Training Centres

933. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government has committed to improve digitalization and improve skill development of the youth, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the Digital Skill Development Training Centres being established in each State and the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives and sops being given to Digital Media organisations?

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