

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; Chemicals and Fertilizers;
Commerce and Industry; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;
Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries;
Panchayati Raj; Railways; Rural Development; Skill
Development and Entrepreneurship)**

Total number of questions — 160

Barren land in the country

†1281. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 32 per cent land of the country is on the verge of getting barren;

(b) whether Government is also aware that 40 to 70 per cent land in 8 States of the country, namely Goa, Rajasthan, Delhi, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Tripura and Himachal Pradesh is on the verge of getting barren;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that climate change is also a big factor behind the land becoming barren; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to save the agricultural land from becoming barren?

Steps to promote organic farming

1282. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) the total amount of organic products produced in the country annually during the last five years;

(b) the action plan of Government to promote organic farming and encourage farmers to adopt low cost organic farming along with the details thereof;

(c) whether Government provides

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subsidy to the farmers engaged in organic farming;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted by Government in this regard along with the manner in which subsidy is provided to the farmers; and

(e) the details thereof?

Promotion of e-agriculture

1283. SHRI HARNATH SINGH

YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to promote technology in agricultural sector; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal for training programmes on agricultural awareness;

(c) whether any specific institution has been set up to promote e-agriculture in various States, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the farmers who got e-agriculture training during the last one year?

Support price fixed by Government

1284. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

DR. L. HANUMAN-

THAIAH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the support price for various crops fixed by Government is lower than their open

market sales price, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers are getting higher price than the support price fixed by Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government is taking any corrective measures to increase the support price for various crops, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Aquaponic farming in the country

1285. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing different techniques and plans for agricultural production to double the income of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also promoting aquaponic farming in the dry places of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Stubble burning menace

1286. DR. K.V.P.

RAMACHANDRA

RAO:

DR. SANTANU SEN:

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

(a) whether Government has noticed that stubble burning is the major cause of air pollution in NCT of Delhi and is an incorrect practice followed by farmers;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to tackle this issue; and

(d) whether Government has taken up steps for creating awareness among the farming communities about adverse effect of stubble burning?

Suicide by farmers

1287. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether as per the latest National Crime Records Bureau's data, 11,379 farmers have committed suicide during 2016, an averaging around 31 farmers suicides daily;

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

(c) the details of suicides by farmers during 2017, 2018 and 2019 till date, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) the remedial measures adopted by Government to check farmers' suicide; and

(e) the reasons for failure of steps taken by Government to check massive suicide by farmers?

Implementation of PM-KISAN scheme

1288. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI PARTAP SINGH
BAJWA:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

(a) the number of farmers eligible to join

the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme as per the most recent Agri-Census Data;

(b) the number of farmers who have been registered by States so far, State-wise, including Haryana;

(c) the details of registered beneficiaries who have received first, second or third installment, installment-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether the beneficiaries are being given retrospective payments if their details are registered after the disbursal of an installment; and

(e) the number of times payments failed while transferring installments, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to remedy the situation?

Condition of farmers in the country

1289. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:
KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI PARTAP SINGH
BAJWA:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:

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

(a) the number of suicides committed by farmers and farm labourers from 2015 to 2018, year-wise, State-wise, occupation-wise, along with the socio-economic status and land holding of each victim;

(b) whether Government has authorized/sponsored any study to assess the causes of suicides amongst farmers, which includes being exploited by financial institutions;

(c) if so, the findings thereof, including amount spent and persons involved, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government plans to release an annual report on farmers' condition indicating whether the country is on track for doubling their income by 2022; and

(e) if so, the time-line thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for the growth of agriculture sector

1290. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched several schemes for the growth of agriculture sector and welfare of the farmers through increase in production and productivity of agricultural crops and to improve income levels of farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to attract youth towards agriculture and its allied activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Technological intervention in agriculture

1291. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to modernize farming techniques;

(b) whether technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing, block chain, etc. have become an intrinsic part of Governance, especially with Digital India scheme, if so, the technologies being deployed in the Ministry;

(c) the details of extent of public-private participation in this regard; and

(d) the challenges identified and the reasons therefor?

Decline in production of wheat and rice

1292. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the data for the yield of rice and wheat in the country for the current year and the past five years;

(b) whether the yield of rice and wheat has decreased over the years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Research and development of agriculture in Gujarat

†1293. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agriculture Research and Development Institutes are in operation for development of agriculture in Gujarat;

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

(c) the details of the agriculture development works done by the above-mentioned Research Centres and Development Institutes during the last three years?

Coverage of farmer families under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

1294. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmer families in the country;

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(b) whether the number of farmer families were estimated to be 14.5 crore for the purpose of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme; and

(c) the criteria followed by Government to arrive at this estimate, the details thereof?

Suicide by farmers in Andhra Pradesh

1295. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that farmers' suicide has increased manifold during the last six months in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also aware of the fact that adequate compensation is not being paid to the family of farmers who have committed suicide;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government would come forward to announce farm loan waiver for the farmers of Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of sophisticated technology in farming

1296. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of Government to encourage and introduce sophisticated technology in farming to the grassroot farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no plans are there, the reasons therefor?

Cash transfer of fertilizer subsidy

1297. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some farmers' unions have opposed Government's decision for cash transfer of fertilizer subsidy ;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the final decision taken by Government in this regard, if any?

Organic farming in the country

†1298. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land under organic farming in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total number of farmers engaged in organic farming; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to promote organic farming?

Setting up of a committee to re-examine NPF

1299. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an expert committee to re-examine the National Policy for Farmers (NPF) amidst growing number of suicides by farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that suicides continue to be reported despite the NPF

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being in place for the past eight years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Compensation to farmers of Kashmir Valley

1300. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to compensate the farmers/orchardists of Kashmir Valley for the loss they suffered due to clampdown in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of arable land in Assam

1301. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has extended all possible help to the tribals living in the remote areas of Assam for development of arable land, if so, the names of crops being cultivated in these areas;
- (b) the total area in hectares of arable land in the country, especially Assam;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any scheme for expansion of arable land with a view to tackle the foodgrain crisis in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the area of barren land is also increasing in many North Eastern States; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Settlement of claims under PMFBY

1302. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers covered under "Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana" (PMFBY) till date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of farmers affected due to recent floods in the country;
- (c) the number of claims Government has received under the scheme from the farmers of flood-affected areas, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of claims settled under the scheme by Government till date, State-wise?

Claiming compensation for agricultural loss by Andhra Pradesh

1303. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of representations received by the Central Government from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh claiming compensation for agricultural loss due to droughts during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of assistance sought, assistance approved and released so far;
- (c) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also sought assistance from the Central Government for revival for agricultural sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Cultivation through indigenous methods

1304. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by Government to promote indigenous methods of cultivation;

(b) whether incentives are provided to farmers to use indigenous seeds for cultivation; and

(c) the percentage of market share held by foreign multinational companies in providing seeds in India for the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?

Irrigated land in the country

†1305. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of agricultural land in hectares in the country which has been provided the facility of irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana after its implementation till date, the details of acreage, State-wise;

(b) the financial expenditure incurred by Government under this scheme till date and the financial expenditure estimated to be incurred by the year 2022; and

(c) the percentage of agricultural acreage of land in the country where irrigation facility would be made available by the year 2022?

Funds disbursed under PM-KISAN Yojana

†1306. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds disbursed so far under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) in the country with special reference to Madhya Pradesh, the number of beneficiaries to whom funds have been disbursed and the total instalments of the funds disbursed to those beneficiaries;

(b) whether a large number of farmers who are beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana are deprived of this scheme due to compulsion of linking bank accounts with Aadhaar number; and

(c) if so, the number of such beneficiary farmers in the country, including Madhya Pradesh?

Discrepancies in bank details for availing benefits under PM-KISAN scheme

†1307. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme could not receive their first installment due to discrepancies in bank details in various States;

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

(c) whether the first installment would be released to them after removal of the bank discrepancies; and

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

Norms and conditions of PM-KISAN scheme

1308. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing financial assistance to farmers in the country under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the norms and conditions of the scheme?

Better marketing facilities to farmers

1309. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a huge gap between selling price of onion, tomato, potato and other vegetables and fruits by farmers and price in retail, in spite of the fact that cost of production is borne by farmers;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step to provide better marketing facilities to farmers other than the Market Intervention Scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of recommendation of National Commission for Farmers

1310. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state the steps Government has taken to implement the recommendations of the National Commission for Farmers which was set up under the chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan?

Farming revenue from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh

1311. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh;
- (b) the total revenue generated through

farming and related occupations in J&K and Ladakh from 2000-2014, 2014 to August 2019 and August 2019 to till date; and

- (c) the total revenue generated by apple farming in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh from 2000-2014, 2014 to August 2019 and August 2019 to till date?

Zero Budget Natural Farming

1312. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the States/UTs where Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) is being practiced by the farmers;
- (b) the details of the total land being cultivated under ZBNF in the country;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized for promoting ZBNF;
- (d) whether Government has initiated any study/evaluation to assess the viability of ZBNF; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Suicide by farmers

1313. 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 implemented by the State and Central Governments to tackle the issue of 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?

Agitation by farmers in Jammu and Kashmir

1314. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers of Jammu and Kashmir are agitating for getting fair value and transportation for their premium crops such as apples, saffron, peaches and walnuts grown in the valley;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for assuring farmers fair value for their premium crops, which reaches all parts of the country by involving NABARD?

Unequal use of fertilizers and pesticides

1315. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is unequal use of fertilizers and pesticides in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this unequal use of fertilizers and pesticides is due to any unavoidable skewed programming, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any discrepancies in the use of fertilizers in some regions of the country on the basis of chemical ratios, if so, the details thereof?

Making PMFBY more simpler and useful for farmers

1316. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken

steps to make Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) more simpler and useful for farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Coverage of landless farmers under PMFBY

†1317. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who have benefited under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) till date and the quantum of budget allocation for the same;

(b) the number of shopkeepers and retailers who have benefited from this scheme and the eligibility criteria therefor; and

(c) whether landless labourers who work as a farmer on farmland of others are covered under the scheme, if so, the number of landless labourers who have benefited, if not, whether Government is planning to cover them under the scheme?

Implementation of PM-KISAN scheme in Madhya Pradesh

†1318. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers covered under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana in the districts of Madhya Pradesh, especially in Sidhi, Singrauli and Shahdol districts;

(b) whether 100 per cent of farmers have been covered under this scheme, if not, the details of the rest of the farmers, district-wise;

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed

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to cover these remaining farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated under this scheme to the State of Madhya Pradesh, district-wise?

Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana

1319. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana, a pension scheme for small farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the broad features of the Yojana; and

(c) the status of the Yojana as on date?

Irregularities in organic farming

1320. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of irregularities of data-manipulations have been reported regarding organic farming in the country;

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

(c) whether Government is taking any action against the personnel allegedly involved in such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MSP for pulses and oilseeds

†1321. 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 a substantial increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for pulses and oilseeds;

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

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

Pricing of generic and branded medicines

1322. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) the difference in price between branded and generic medicines along with the details of the mechanism for fixation of price of branded medicines manufactured by the companies;

(b) whether the companies are at liberty to fix the prices of branded medicines, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of medicine stores opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana to provide generic medicines to the patients during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether medicines are not available in the generic medicine centres due to which patients are forced to buy branded medicines?

Making of BIS standards mandatory for some chemicals

1323. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:

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

(a) the details of the steps taken by Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) for standardisation and quality improvement;

(b) whether Government has recently made BIS Standard mandatory for some chemicals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Movement of fertilizer through waterways

1324. SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:
DR. VIKAS MAHATME:

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

(a) whether Government has launched any scheme for movement of fertilizer through waterways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding quantity and destination of various type of fertilizers transported in the country through coastal shipping, company-wise and product-wise?

Massive increase in prices of fertilizers

†1325. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a massive increase in the prices of fertilizers;

(b) the details of increased prices of various fertilizers during the last five years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a great deal of fake urea, DAP and NPK are available in market, whereby the farmers feel cheated when there is a negligible impact of fertilizers in the fields and farmers are made to suffer losses?

Implementation of Nutrition Based Subsidy Scheme

†1326. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the Nutrition Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated during the last three years and the current financial year?

Policy objective for building a vibrant domestic fertilizer industry

1327. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a policy objective of building a vibrant home-grown fertilizer industry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any deep-rooted structural reforms and market-linked pricing policy is being thought of, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether participation of private and foreign players is critical for Indian farmers to gain access to the latest global advances, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any new fertilizer plant is being proposed in West Bengal State?

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Setting up of KRIBHCO units in Madhya Pradesh

†1328. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to establish new Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) units to help the farmers in some districts of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any framework has been drawn to establish these new units, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress of these units and the details of the funds sanctioned/spent by KRIBHCO units in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise?

Jan Aushahi Yojana

1329. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Jan Aushadhi Yojana to make available quality drugs at affordable prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme is being implemented under PPP mode, if so, the details thereof?

Review of list of life-saving drugs

1330. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures for periodic review of the list of life-saving drugs;

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

(c) whether any drugs have been included in the said list during the last four years;

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

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the production and availability of life-saving drugs; and

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

Increasing of prices of drugs by manufacturers

1331. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drug companies in the country which have increased the prices of different drugs including life-saving drugs, during the last six months, the details thereof, company-wise; and

(b) the reasons for such escalation of prices of drugs and whether prior approval of Government is mandatory, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Demand and supply of urea to Andhra Pradesh

1332. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh State required 15 lakh and 16 lakh tonnes of urea in 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively, however, the Ministry was able to supply only 14.9 lakh tonnes in 2017-18 and only 14.22 lakh tonnes in 2018-19;

(b) if so, the reasons for the reduced supply of urea to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the projected requirement for 2019-20; and

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(d) the plans the Ministry has to supply the projected amount of urea to Andhra Pradesh?

(e) the measures being taken by Government to improve the situation in this regard?

Legality of repatriation of Government equity by IFFCO

*1333. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) have repatriated entire Government equity fraudulently, illegally and unlawfully;

(b) if so, the complete details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has any plan to regain control of regulatory powers of IFFCO by amending the Multi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 or through the legal process; and

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

Strengthening of Start-up ecosystem at local level

1334. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to strengthen the start-up ecosystem at local level in the country under Start-up India initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating proactive steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government has any data regarding rising trend in funding of startups in the country during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

Employing of local population by industries

1335. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to make it mandatory for industries to employ the local population trained at Skill Development Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Agarbatti industry

1336. SHRI AHMED PATEL: SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that large-scale import of the Chinese Agarbatti has endangered Indian Agarbatti industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take to save the Indian Agarbatti industry?

National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust

†1337. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust has been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the number of projects that have been evaluated; and

(d) the number of sanctioned, approved and completed projects?

Keeping rubber outside the purview of RCEP

1338. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a widespread protest against India compromising on its domestic interest over the RCEP agreement currently under negotiations;

(b) whether a similar pressure was exerted on India over the ASEAN agreement by major rubber producers Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia to bring rubber under the purview of ASEAN agreement, with India not succumbing to pressure tactics; and

(c) whether the considered opinion of the relevant commodity board, Rubber Board, is that rubber be kept outside the purview of the RCEP?

Payment of compensation by APEDA to Grape Exporters

1339. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aurangabad High Court in their decision dated 30.9.2016 on Writ Petitions No. 1979/11 and 1314/11 had decided for payment of compensation by Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to the grape exporters of Marathwada for the losses incurred by them due to rejection of their consignments in Europe in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action initiated so far by Government for payment of compensation; and

(d) the reasons for inordinate delay in payment of compensation to affected grape exporters of Marathwada?

India-ASEAN FTA

1340. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of review of the India-ASEAN FTA that has been agreed to by Government of India at the last ASEAN Summit in Bangkok; and

(b) whether the reports of studies to assess the impact of FTAs on India undertaken by the Ministry or any other institutes concerned to it would be made open to the public?

Bilateral trade negotiations with USA

1341. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether bilateral trade negotiations between the USA and India are ongoing and towards what end;

(b) the details of specific demands by the USA to India in these talks;

(c) the details of specific demands by India to the USA in these talks; and

(d) the details of stakeholders who have been consulted in forming India's position?

Study commissioned by FICCI

1342. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note

of study titled as "Invisible Enemy: Impact of Smuggling on Indian Economy and Employment" commissioned by the FICCI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the smuggling of goods in the textiles, ready-made garments, cigarettes, machinery and parts and consumer electronics industries prevented India from adding over 16 lakh jobs in 2017-18 as per the above study;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether 11.35 lakh job opportunities were lost because of "backward linkage and multiplier effects" as finished products were smuggled in India; and

(f) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Project announcements in India

1343. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new project announcements in India have declined to the lowest levels since mid 2004, if so, the sector-wise value of new project announcements for the last four years by both private and Government sectors;

(b) the sectors which are most affected; and

(c) the total stalled projects and the reasons therefor?

Export of tobacco to China

1344. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hurdles have

been removed to export tobacco to China;

(b) to what extent this would help tobacco farmers, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, to export more and more tobacco to China and earn remunerative price for their produce; and

(c) the details of Protocol Agreement that India has with other countries to export tobacco and the export to such countries in the last ten years years-wise and country-wise?

Trade Policy Review Report

1345. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has begun working on the Seventh Trade Policy Review Report for the World Trade Organisation;

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

(c) how far has the Government's goals of boosting the Indian share in export of merchandise been reached as outlined in the Sixth Trade Policy review document; and

(d) the share of India's export of merchandise in the world market?

Improvement in rank in Ease of Doing Business

1346. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve rank in terms of ease of doing business;

(b) the new opportunities offered to the MNCs in furtherance thereof;

(c) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to keep track of each such single step and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken advanced planning to achieve a certain milestone by the end of 2030 and if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of GSP

1347. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to protect the specific sectors such as gems and jewellery, leather and processed food which have lost the benefits under the United States' General System of Preference (GSP);

(b) whether Government has planned to take the issue of withdrawal of benefits by US to the World Trade Organisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to absorb the loss incurred by the exporters who were getting GSP benefits of 3 per cent or more?

Progress of Make-in-India scheme

1348. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Make in India' scheme has progressed as per projection made in 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including major areas which have attracted the investors with sophisticated technology to set up manufacturing units in the country; and

(c) the number of manufacturing units set up so far since the launch of the scheme?

Central assistance to Aluminium Cluster in Odisha under MIUS

1349. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to restore Central assistance to the Odisha Aluminium Cluster at Angul under the Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS);

(b) the reasons for the withdrawal of Central assistance for the project under the MIU Scheme, the details thereof; and

(c) the most recent details of progress achieved in current projects under this Scheme?

Shifting the headquarter of Tea Board

1350. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has decided to shift the headquarters of the Tea Board from Kolkata; and

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

Reasons for not signing RCEP

1351. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not signing RCEP; and

(b) whether Government has any action plan to combat the collective bargaining power of RCEP countries?

Price stabilization mechanism for natural rubber

1352. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any price stabilization mechanism and replating subsidy for natural rubber is under consideration to be included in the Rubber Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Foreign training of officials

1353. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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

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

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

MRP provisions for products sold loose

1354. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal on printing legible text on products;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the steps taken in this direction; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) provisions applicable for products which are sold loose?

Sugarcane arrears

1355. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cane price arrears as on December 31, 2018 were ₹ 19,000 crore, including ₹ 2,800 crore of arrears of the previous season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is substantially higher than the arrears of last season as on December 31, 2017, of around ₹ 10,600 crore?

Production of sugar

1356. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till January 15, 2019, as many as 5,190 sugar mills in the country have produced 14.69 million tonnes of sugar against 13.56 million tonnes produced in the corresponding period of last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is because the mills have started earlier this season even though the whole year's sugar production will be less than last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Government's godowns in Gujarat

†1357. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the districts of Gujarat where there are Government godowns for storing foodgrains and vegetables;

(b) the policy of Central Government regarding establishing godowns in rural areas for storing foodgrains and vegetables;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are still no Government godowns in some districts of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the response of Government thereto?

Demand and supply of vegetables and fruits

1358. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees that the food mile, that is the distance covered from field to stomach, is large and expanding day-by-day, thereby increasing the prices of vegetables and fruits;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken or to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up any regulatory/monitoring agency to monitor and regulate the demand and supply of vegetables and fruits to keep their prices under control, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which such monitoring agency is likely to be set up?

Storage of foodgrains in silos

1359. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's food silo are bulging with no space left for expected rice stocks when procurement season starts, with 71 million tonnes of wheat and rice (apart from 7 million tonnes of unmilled paddy), three times the minimum stock needed for running Government welfare schemes;

(b) whether there is urgent need to liquidate the surplus stock to Government welfare schemes and for auction to millers and biscuit manufacturers; and

(c) whether FCI has been spending huge amount on storage of foodgrains with the figure for 2019-20 expected to touch ₹ 5,200 crore as against ₹ 4,360 crore in 2018-19?

Increase in counterfeit products in the country

1360. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to estimates by the Authentication Solutions Providers' Association (ASPA), the number of counterfeit cases in currency, liquor, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals, personal care, documents, tobacco, automotive, construction material and chemicals have increased by nearly 15 per cent in the January-October period this year;

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

(c) the details of stringent measures

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taken or proposed to be taken by Government against manufacturers of counterfeit and sub-standard products, which have been the cause of many major tragedies claiming many human lives and economical loss to the country?

Export of raw sugar to China

1361. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian sugar millers are seeking to export at least 20 lakh tonnes of raw sugar to China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a contract for exporting 15,000 tonnes of raw sugar has been entered between the Indian Sugar Mills Association and China Oil and Food Corporation (COFCO); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Donation of surplus foodgrains to needy countries

1362. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has approached the Ministry of External Affairs regarding giving away of the surplus grain stock as humanitarian aid to deserving countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the FCI granaries are overflowing and the stock may get damaged if not relocated soon;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the procurement of wheat and rice in the central pool is increasing over the years;

(f) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(g) the details of foodgrains donated during the last five years?

Increase in storage capacity

†1363. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains in metric tonnes for which there was facility of storage by 2014 and the details of storage capacity in metric tonnes in the country at that time, State-wise;

(b) whether the present Government has taken any steps to increase the storage capacity from 2014 till date so that foodgrains may be preserved for longer period; and

(c) if so, the increase made in storage capacity at present in comparison to earlier times and the financial expenditure incurred by Government in this regard?

Wastage of foodgrains

1364. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the current estimated storage capacity of Government-owned warehouses;

(b) the details of estimated wastage of foodgrains; and

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(c) the steps taken to prevent wastage or for re-distribution of excess foodgrains?

Achieving target of goal of zero hunger

1365. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to achieve the sustainable development goal of zero hunger;

(b) the details of funds allocated by the Ministry for the same; and

(c) the manner in which Ministry plans to address the shortfall in funds for the work of the World Food Programme in India?

Status of proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government regarding allocation of foodgrains

†1366. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals of several States, including Madhya Pradesh, are under consideration with the Central Government regarding increase in the allotment of foodgrains provided to the 'Antyodaya families' under the National Food Security Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an early decision is being taken or is proposed to be taken on the said proposals which are under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of procurement centres

†1367. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether procurement centres have been established to procure agriculture products at Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(b) if so, the details of procurement centres established in the country, State-wise and number-wise and date of their establishment; and

(c) the details of procurement made in each of the above States, product-wise and price-wise?

Procurement of paddy in Chhattisgarh

†1368. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government does not procure paddy from the States in case they give more bonus than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) on paddy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government will not procure paddy from the State of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the number of farmers likely to be affected by this, the details thereof?

Decline in production of sugar

1369. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sharp decline

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in production of sugar has been reported in Maharashtra which may create shortage of sugar in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons behind the decline in production; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take to protect the interests of sugar producers and sugarcane growers in the State?

Funds for development of fisheries

1370. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on augmenting the production of fisheries and provide sufficient infrastructure facilities for development of fisheries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose;

(d) the details of the funds released to each State so far;

(e) the details of the funds provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh for this purpose; and

(f) the infrastructure developed so far since its inception for the purpose?

Shortage of fodder

1371. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of fodder for animals, thereby increase in the fodder price prevailing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would make an effort to reduce fodder price and develop land for grazing as a special scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Problems faced by dairy sector

†1372. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dairy industry is facing various problems, such as higher taxes on dairy products, lack of better breeds of cows and buffaloes, shortage of organized dairy farm and investment, higher price of machines and equipments used in dairy farming and duty for imported dairy equipment;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan being prepared by Government for promotion of the dairy sector;

(c) whether Government proposes to include dairy farming under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities to address these problems and to increase investment in the dairy sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to improve poultry farming

1373. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any guidelines to improve the living conditions of poultry in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to

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improve poultry farming process in the country?

Creation of infrastructure facilities under FIDF

1374. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money released so far from the ₹7,522 crore special Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) created last year;

(b) the initiatives for which the released funds were utilised;

(c) whether any new infrastructure facilities were created using the said funds, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries under each initiative?

Equity and transfer of resources by NDDB

1375. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred question 2262 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th July, 2019 and to state:

(a) whether Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has received the resolution of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) approving contribution of ₹ 200 crore towards equity of NDDB Dairy Services, if not, action proposed;

(b) the equity and resources transferred by NDDB to originally incorporated NDDB Dairy Services Private Limited which had previous approval of Government under section 43(1) of NDDB Act;

(c) whether NDDB re-incorporated NDDB Dairy Services Private Limited with change of name without previous approval of Government under section 43 of NDDB Act; and

(d) whether NDDB has accepted advice of Government to extend provisions of RTI Act?

Prior approval to NDDB to form subsidiary company

1376. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gave prior approval to NDDB for its subsidiary company, Indian Immunologicals Limited, to form its own subsidiary company "Pristine Biologicals Limited", if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for not seeking prior approval of Government by NDDB in an earlier instance when Indian Immunologicals Limited formed its own subsidiary company called "IndiaGen Private Limited"; and

(c) whether, without approval of Government, NDDB purchased from Indian Immunologicals Limited, its shareholding in IndiaGen Private Limited and then re-sold the shares, if so, the details thereof?

Plans for the well being of livestock population

1377. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI : Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the increase in livestock population by 4.6 per cent;

(b) whether the Ministry has drawn out a plan for the well being of livestock population such as medical needs, food and congenial place of habitat for them; and

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

Implementation of schemes under fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying

†1378. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN : Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing schemes of Government related to fishery, animal husbandry and dairy wherein the youngsters are encouraged to do business at small scale;

(b) whether these businesses are covered under the 'Start-up' scheme;

(c) the assistance being provided by Government at infrastructural level pertaining to wealth and foodgrains; and

(d) the manner and the details thereof?

Permission to foreign countries for marketing milk products in India

1379. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed foreign milk-producing countries to market milk products in the country;

(b) if so, the details of agreement under Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the proposal therein;

(c) whether the domestic dairy producers have reacted on the FTA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proposal of Government to sustain domestic productivity and employment in the face of competition therein?

Hygiene and quality of food processing units

1380. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that food processing and packaging industry is growing very fast and unregulated;

(b) if so, the details of checks implemented to control hygiene and quality of food processing units;

(c) whether Government is also able to check the use of harmful chemicals and preservatives which are injurious to human health; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment promotion in food processing industries

1381. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to promote investment in food processing industry since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the details of the funds and resources allocated for promoting food processing industry, State-wise and year-wise, since 2014; and

(c) the details of the major challenges faced by the food processing industry and the steps taken to ease these constraints?

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Allocation of funds to Uttar Pradesh under PMKSY

†1382. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated and released to Uttar Pradesh during last five years under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) whether the amount released is adequate to achieve desired objectives; and

(c) if not, the response of Government thereto?

Replication of Kudumbashree programme in the whole country

1383. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the work done by Kudumbashree in Kerala; and

(b) if so, would Central Government take steps to replicate the model in the whole country?

New rail services in Uttar Pradesh

1384. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have sanctioned any new rail service for different States of the country, particularly for the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the new train services introduced; and

(c) if not, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Vacant safety-related posts

1385. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of safety-related posts are lying vacant in the Indian Railways; and

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

Caste-based recruitment advertisement

†1386. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a caste-based recruitment advertisement has been published by a company associated with catering services in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any mechanism for controlling the caste-based recruitment of employees working in various firms/companies/contracts in Railways; and

(d) if not, the manner in which it is ensured that people belonging to some special caste are not given priority by the private firms associated with Railways?

Appointment of members to ZRUCC

†1387. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of appointment of members to Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUC) on the recommendations of Members of Parliament (MPs) has been discontinued at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the level at which the recommendation has been obtained and the levels at which suggestions have been sought before discontinuation;

(c) the number of MPs on whose recommendations the members of ZRUC have been nominated at present; and

(d) the names of MPs who had recommended for the nomination of members to the said Committee but no nomination was done on their recommendations?

Criminal cases within the jurisdiction of Railways

1388. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of criminal cases that have been reported within the jurisdiction of Railways in various parts of the country in the year 2019 alone, State-wise and Zone-wise;

(b) the number of people arrested in this regard for committing crimes; and

(c) the various types of crimes like theft or any other type of crimes have been registered in these criminal cases?

Electrification projects under North Eastern Railway

1389. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway electrification project in the North Eastern Railway is lagging behind its schedule, which may increase its cost;

(b) the names of electrification projects being undertaken by the North Eastern Railway and the delayed projects out of them; and

(c) the amount allocated and released for the same during the last three years?

Railway projects in the State of Madhya Pradesh

1390. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects under implementation in the State of Madhya Pradesh along with the year of sanction of the projects, original costs of projects, revised costs of projects as on date, funds released so far and spent on each project in the State; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in completion of these projects, if any, and by when these projects are likely to be completed, project-wise?

Slow place of gauge conversion work

†1391. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of gauge conversion of the Hajipur-Muzaffarpur and Samastipur-Darbhanga

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rail lines is going at a very slow pace for many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the abysmally slow pace of progress of the said railway projects?

Stoppage of trains at Buxar station

1392. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for stoppage of trains like 12309/12310 Patna Rajdhani and 12393/12394 Sampoorana Kranti Express at Buxar station for two minutes as the passengers travelling from Buxar, Ballia, Ghazipur, Arrah and other adjoining districts who have to board these trains from Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction (Mughalsarai) are facing inconvenience;

(b) if so, the details thereof and time-frame therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Performance of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

1393. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has been made functional;

(b) if so, the structural and financial status of RVNL;

(c) the projects taken up by RVNL for implementation during last three years and current year and the status of their implementation;

(d) whether RVNL has achieved the

objective for which it was set up, if so, details thereof;

(e) whether the performance of the RVNL has been very poor in execution of railway projects during last three years; and

(f) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Differential fares for booking rail tickets

†1394. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to keep differential fares for the rail tickets being booked 120 days before the date of journey as per rule and those being booked 90 days, 60 days and 15 days before the journey; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government proposes to give priority or concession in fares to the passengers booking tickets earlier?

Surplus manpower burdening Railways

1395. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways, the nation's largest employer, with over 70 per cent of its operating expenses going towards wages is now finding itself burdened with surplus manpower;

(b) whether, with the freight loadings dropping by over 8 per cent against the corresponding months last year as also its Net Tonne KM (NTKM) dipping down,

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there have been measures under consideration to re-deploy surplus staff in the field or in any other direct operations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing occupancy of luxury trains

1396. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of trips operated, passengers travelled and occupancy percentages of luxury tourist trains operated by Railways in the previous and current financial years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the revenue earned by luxury tourist trains in the previous and current financial years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry has looked into the reasons of low occupancy rates of such trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or planned to be taken by the Ministry to attract more tourists towards the luxury trains?

Proposed railway station between Mulund and Thane

1397. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal for a new station on main line route of Central Railways between Mulund and Thane;

(b) if so, who proposed for this new station;

(c) whether Railways have accessed the proposal from the competent authority, if so, could Ministry submit the report to the House;

(d) whether Railways have land area required for new station and located the required piece of land and where;

(e) whether Railways is planning to acquire 14 acres of land belonging to Mental Hospital of Thane Corporation; and

(f) if so, whether Railways have to compensate Thane Municipality, if so, by what amount?

Virar-Dahanu four line in Maharashtra

1398. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of additional four lines between Virar-Dahanu railway stations;

(b) the exact date and estimated cost to complete this project, expenditure made on this project as on date and the funds made available by Government;

(c) the land area required for project completion, the details of private and Government land acquired by Government as on date;

(d) the proposed route map of Virar-Dahanu railway project, stations, list of legal and illegal constructions to be removed; and

(e) the representations received from various associations of railway passengers to complete this important project?

Reservation in employment for apprentices

1399. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation for employment is available in Railway recruitment for the

applicants who have completed apprenticeship in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such apprentices who were recruited as employees under such reservation in each Railway Zones during the last five years?

Under pricing of IPO of IRCTC

1400. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feels that merchant bankers managing IRCTC's Initial Public Offering (IPO) have erred in pricing the issue conservatively, considering overwhelming response to IPO by investors with bids amounting to a whopping ₹ 72,000 crore as against targetted ₹ 645 crore;

(b) whether at a time of reduced corporate taxes, falling GST collections and Government's efforts to shore up revenues, Government missed an opportunity by pricing IRCTC's stock very low; and

(c) whether IRCTC boasts of strong fundamentals, a debt-free balance sheet with ₹ 1100 crore of cash to support capital expenditure and if so, reasons for underpricing its shares?

Expansion/renovation of Ayodhya Junction railway station

1401. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to expand/renovate the Ayodhya Junction railway station in Uttar Pradesh for pilgrims reaching from other States to visit the holy site and offer prayers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Illegal occupation of Railway land

†1402. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of the Railway land, illegally occupied by unscrupulous elements;

(b) the cost of the land occupied illegally; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to take back possession of such land thereof?

Timelines for completion of various railway projects/lines in Odisha

1403. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time for completion of Bhubaneswar-Mancheswar triple line project;

(b) the time-frame for completion of Khurdha-Bolangir railway line project and the reasons for the delay in completion; and

(c) the time-frame for completion of the new Brahmapur-Sambalpur *via* Phulbani, Bhanjanagar railway line project, the work of which has been awarded to Odisha Rail Infrastructure Development Ltd. (ORIDL)?

Details about railway stations in Odisha

1404. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Bhubaneswar Railway Station foot over bridge (FOB) would be completed;

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(b) the list of railway stations with and without toilets, district-wise in Odisha;

(c) the facilities available to senior citizens and disabled persons in railway stations in Odisha;

(d) the various waste management system for railway stations available and that are operational in Odisha; and

(e) the proposals for developing the Lingaraj Temple Road Railway Station in Bhubaneswar into a modern railway station with more platforms and amenities?

Diamond Quadrilateral bullet train network project

1405. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had promised to launch "Diamond Quadrilateral" bullet train network project but has only made a marginal headway on the Ahmedabad-Mumbai stretch; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay, including cost escalation?

Status of Gulbarga Division

1406. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in completing the work of Gulbarga Division;

(b) the present status of Gulbarga Division and the total amount spent to operationalise Gulbarga Division since February 2014 till date; and

(c) the date announced by the Ministry for completing the Gulbarga Division?

Stale food served in train

†1407. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways administration has allotted the tender of serving food in the high speed train Vande Bharat Express to the same vendor who served stale food in the train recently;

(b) whether Government has investigated the said incident; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Operation of goods and passenger trains by private sector

†1408. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering handing over the responsibility of operating the trains to private companies;

(b) if so, whether the operation of goods trains along with the passenger trains is also proposed to be handed over to private companies; and

(c) the details of Railway-related works being undertaken by private companies at present, the number of complaints received regarding the poor quality of their works and the mechanism adopted to redress the same?

Study to calculate money lost due to delayed trains

1409. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise 'total number of hours' trains in the country got delayed in the last five years;

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(b) whether there is any study to calculate the loss of money per hour for these delays;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether Government is planning to conduct such study in the next one or two years;

(e) if so, details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for double-decker trains in Tamil Nadu

1410. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to operate double-decker trains, besides the existing one, in the State of Tamil Nadu in Chennai Egmore-Tuticorin route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has earmarked any fund for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Linking of locomotives *via* ISRO satellites for tracking trains

1411. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have linked its locomotives *via* ISRO satellites, making it easy to track trains and automatically feed the control charts about the train's arrival and departure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the new system will help Railways to modernise its control room and railway network for more efficient train movement across its network; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Lives lost on suburban trains in Mumbai

1412. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 100 train passengers have lost their lives during the last five months while travelling in suburban trains in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the action railway authorities are considering to take to ensure the safety of local train passengers; and

(c) the statistical data regarding the scheduled passenger capacity of the coaches and the number of daily passengers?

Complaints about unhygienic food in Railways

1413. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that large number of complaints about unhygienic food being served in Railways keep pouring in;

(b) if so, the details of action being taken to improve hygiene of food and cleanliness of kitchen/pantry; and

(c) if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor?

Falling revenue from passenger and parcel service

1414. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revenue

from passenger and parcel services is decreasing in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways have proposed to privatise passenger/parcel services in the country; and

(d) if so, the route selected in Tamil Nadu for privatising passenger service?

Target of Zero scrap balance by Indian Railways

1415. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had fixed a target for Zero scrap balance till March, 2018;

(b) if so, the details of whether this target was met successfully by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgrading 204 stations under Station Redevelopment scheme

1416. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have prepared a blueprint for about 204 stations to get airport-like upgrade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these works would be undertaken as part of the Railways' ₹ 1 lakh crore Station Redevelopment programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Effective policy formulation for development or rural areas

1417. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effective policy formulation is necessary for planning and development of rural areas;

(b) if so, whether any effort has been made by Government so far in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government has any future plan in this regard?

Enhancement of financial aid under National Social Assistance Programme

1418. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States are requesting for enhancement of financial aid under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is in the notice of Government that certain States are spending amounts under various social assistance programmes; and

(d) the financial aid being paid to the various categories of beneficiaries, State-wise, and Central Government's share in it?

Employment under MGNREGA

1419. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment provided under MGNREGA has been lower than the work demanded in the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the State-wise details of employment provided in proportion to the work demanded?

Role of State Governments in rural development schemes

1420. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have been given rights to take decisions with regard to implementation and priority of the rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received complaints of alleged irregularities in implementation of rural development schemes during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, along with the action taken by Government against the persons found guilty in such cases, State/Union Territory-wise, scheme-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the details of existing mechanism established for the purpose and proposed changes to tackle such irregularities in future?

Proposals received from Rajasthan under PMGSY

1421. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan had submitted any proposals under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) involving construction of rural roads in the State during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government on the said proposals; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be finalised?

Non-release of State's share of fund under MGNREGA by Andhra Pradesh

1422. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not included its share of ₹ 615 crore to the Central Government's fund of ₹ 1,848 crore due to which payments under material component of MGNREGA works have not been paid so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued any advisory in this regard to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Distribution of land to landless poor

1423. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has suggested/ advised the State Governments to distribute lands to the landless poor throughout India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people likely to be benefited thereby, State-wise/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of distribution of land to the landless poor people during the last three years?

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

†1424. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the concept and State-wise details of Saansad Adarsh Gram; and

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(b) the details of the administrative supervision and responsibility of implementation including expansion programme of this scheme and additional financial aid available for this at present?

Linking of MGNREGS with agriculture

1425. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal/policy to link the MGNREGS with agriculture, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any Committee of Chief Ministers has recommended for linkage of MGNREGS with agriculture, if so, the details of implementation of the recommendations of such Committee and if not, the reasons therefor?

Wastelands Atlas of India

1426. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has held surveys and released a Wastelands Atlas of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and outcome thereof the survey/Atlas;

(c) whether the Central Government has prepared any action plan for meaningful utilisation of the wastelands so identified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Works carried out under MGNREGA in Konkan region of Maharashtra

†1427. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works carried out under MGNREGA in the district of Konkan region of Maharashtra and the work-wise details of the amount spent thereon;

(b) whether Government is aware that the works carried out under MGNREGA in the district of Konkan region of Maharashtra are incomplete; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken by Government to complete the said works?

Jobs under MGNREGA

1428. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers who have been provided jobs under MGNREGA in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that this scheme faces shortage of funds to be paid to workers for quite some time; and

(c) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilised in the last two years, State-wise?

Timely payment of wages to MGNREGA labourers in Chhattisgarh

†1429. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the MGNREGA labourers have not been paid wages for the past many months by State Government in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any positive steps are being taken by Government to ensure timely payment of wages to MGNREGA

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labourers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Training of youth under skill development programme in West Bengal

1430. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unskilled youth in the country who have been provided training under skill development programme till date, males and females, in the country State-wise including West Bengal; and

(b) the number of rural youth particularly in West Bengal, who have been given jobs during last two years after being provided skill training?

Establishing of skill development centres in schools of the country

1431. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
DR. L. HANUMAN-
THAIAH:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to establish mandatory Skill Development Centres in all the schools throughout the country including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the plan and the time-frame to implement the above proposal, if any?

Unskilled young males and females in the country

1432. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unskilled young males and females separately in the country, State-wise including Karnataka; and

(b) the number of rural young males and females, particularly in Karnataka, who have been given jobs in 2017-19 after being provided skill training?

Training centres under PMKVY in Bihar

†1433. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various centres have been established in the country for providing training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of training centres established in Bihar along with district-wise details thereof till date?

Training and placement of youth under PMKVY

1434. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of youth trained so far under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the State-wise details thereof;

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(b) the total number of persons provided placements under PMKVY as on date, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated under this scheme, the State-wise and agency-wise details thereof; and

(d) number of complaints received regarding irregularities in implementation and misuse of funds by implementing agencies and steps taken for prevention and remedies?

Kaushal Acharya Awards

1435. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Skill India programme with the aim and objective of improving the skill of forty lakh people by 2022;

(b) if so, whether Government has initiated action plan to achieve the aims and objectives;

(c) the problem being faced by Government to achieve the objectives;

(d) whether the Ministry has organised the Kaushal Acharya Awards, if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to motivate and incentivise more trainers to join the Skill India mission?

Skill sets for getting a job by Persons with Disabilities

1436. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs demanded in the

market by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the number of employers available in the market who are willing to hire such PwDs for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(c) the skill sets or jobs that are modelled to suit the needs and is accommodative for PwDs to participate?

Starting of own business/start-up after receiving training under PMKVY

1437. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who benefited from Pardhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) from the year 2015 till 1st November, 2019, State-wise;

(b) the number of institutions set up for training the people enrolled, gender-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of trained people under the scheme who got placed, from January, 2015 to 1st November, 2019, State-wise and gender-wise;

(d) the number of people who have started their own business/start-up after receiving the training; and

(e) the number of people still unemployed after being trained, State-wise and gender-wise?

Employment opportunities through skill development centres

†1438. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of skill

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development centres established in the country along with the number of trained persons and the expenditure incurred in this regard; and

(b) the measures taken to provide employment opportunities through skill development and the estimates of demand and supply of employment in the country and abroad in respect of the educated unemployed persons for the last three years?

Apprentice Protsahan Yojana

1439. SHRI AHMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that Government has envisioned a target for training 20 lakh apprentices under Apprentice Protsahan Yojana;

(b) the current state of progress of Apprentice Protsahan Yojana along with number of apprentices trained under this scheme till date, State-wise;

(c) the details of the industries having registered to avail this scheme till date, State-wise; and

(d) the details of changes in training curriculum as well as financial support to be provided to MSMEs for promoting apprenticeship in the country?

Skill development centres in tribal-dominated areas of Jharkhand

†1440. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any special plan to open skill development centres in tribal-dominated areas under "Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana" (PMKVY);

(b) if so, the number of such centres opened in Jharkhand under this scheme; and

(c) the details of the total number of persons who have been given employment through these centres?

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