

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

Indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers in agriculture

†2081. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to formulate any laws aimed at making the use of organic fertilizers in agriculture compulsory on the lines of Sikkim Government in order to reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is the main reason for a continuous decline in the fertility and deterioration of soil health; and

(d) if so, whether there is any action plan to sensitize the farmers about reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides along with details thereof?

Bringing pre-sowing and post-harvest activities under MGNREGS

2082. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring pre-sowing and post-harvest activities under MGNREGS; and

(b) if so, the details of concrete proposal made or funds earmarked for the same, if any?

Damage to crops in Maharashtra due to unseasonal rains

2083. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that unseasonal rain has caused havoc to the onion and other crops in the State of

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Maharashtra resulting in steep rise in prices in particular that of onion and tomatoes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Investment in agriculture sector

2084. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to incur/invest ₹ 25 lakh crore in farm sector in the next three years in order to boost agricultural productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount reserved for the farmers and farm sector separately for the State of Maharashtra?

Consumption ratio of NPK in major agriculture regions

2085. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the current consumption ratio of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (NPK) in the major agriculture regions, the details thereof;

(b) the crop where the usage pattern of fertilizers is highly uneven and the policy programming to counter this, the details thereof;

(c) whether imbalanced use of fertilizers is partly due to the skewed subsidy policy in favour of urea and the high price of other fertilizers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any promotion policy on the anvil for use of organic and bio-fertilizer, if so, the details thereof?

Measures to address farm distress

2086. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering major measures in the coming weeks to address farm distress across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has prepared a note on addressing income deficit syndrome of small and marginal farmers, proposing various steps, including a financial package and interest waiver for timely crop loan repayers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of custom hiring centres

2087. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established custom hiring centres;

(b) if so, the details of the custom hiring centres established, State/UT-wise;

(c) the aims and objectives behind establishing custom hiring centres;

(d) whether Government has achieved the objective for which these custom hiring centres have been established;

(e) whether Government has launched a multilingual mobile app to avail the services of custom hiring centres; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to popularize this app among farmers?

Infrastructure for organic produces

†2088. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy or road map to double the export of organic agricultural produces, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken steps to develop separate infrastructure for production of organic produce as also to encourage investment in basic capital infrastructure, if so, the details thereof?

schemes for promotion of agriculture in the country, more than 40 per cent of farmers are living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any study to assess the performance of each of these schemes during the last three years;

(c) if so, the outcome of such study; and

(d) whether Government proposes to reform such schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Use of dangerous chemical and pesticides in farming

2089. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government or any agency has conducted any survey on the death of farmers due to ignorance about using dangerous chemicals and pesticides in farming causing ill effect on human health, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has considered imposing restriction or ban on such chemicals which can severely affect/harm the health of the farmers who use them, the farm products on which these are used and the health of the human beings who consume these farm products, if so, the details thereof?

Performance of agricultural schemes

2090. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite various ongoing

Doubling farmers income

2091. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to doubling the farmers' income by 2022;

(b) if so, whether the agriculture import-export Policy is in accordance with it; and

(c) whether import would boost our farmers' income?

Expenditure on PM-KISAN Yojana

†2092. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who have been benefited under 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana' in the country so far; and

(b) the financial expenditure incurred by Government under this scheme so far, and expenditure likely to be incurred by 2022?

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Impact of surplus food on doubling farmer's income

2093. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food surpluses have led to dip in farmer's income;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this has badly affected Government's ambitious plan to double the farmer's income by 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in farmer's income

2094. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of increase in income of farmers during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, year-wise;

(b) the details of schemes being run to double the income of farmers by 2022, scheme-wise; and

(c) the details of the fund allocated, released and utilized, during 2018-19 and 2019-20 till date along with the achievements made thereunder, State-wise and scheme-wise?

Suicide by farm labourers

2095. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that as per National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) Accidental Death and Suicide report for 2016, 948 farmers committed suicide every month which is nearly 31 suicides every day;

(b) whether Ministry is also aware that data suggests that suicides among farm labourers rose by 10 per cent;

(c) if so, whether any policy measures have been undertaken to specifically bring relief for farm labourers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reforming APMC Act, 2003

2096. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has promised for 50 per cent profits over the cost of production for the farmers, reforming Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act, 2003, implementing farm insurance and adopting a 'National Land Use Policy'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason for failures?

Suicide by farmers in Maharashtra

2097. SHRI RAJKUMAR

DHOOT:

SHRI RITABRATA

BANERJEE:

SHRI RIPUN BORA:

SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the best efforts of Central and State Government to provide relief, farmers are still committing suicide in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, year-wise till date; and

(c) the effective measures Government proposes to take to prevent suicide by farmers in the State?

Reasons for suicide by farmers

2098. DR. SASMIT PATRA:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY SINGH:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) the number of farmers who
committed suicide in the country over the
past five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government has
investigated the reasons for these suicides,
if so, the outcome thereof, year-wise and
State-wise;

(c) whether losses in agriculture sector
and debt burden are the major causes of
farmers' suicide; and

(d) the measure being taken by
Government to ensure that such suicides
do not take place in future?

Organic farming in the country

2099. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS
(RETD.):
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to
encourage organic farming in the country, if
so, the details thereof;

(b) whether subsidy is being provided
by Government to the farmers for
developing their own organic manure;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-availability
of the organic manure in most of the
development blocks in the country,
including Uttar Pradesh;

(d) whether Government is likely to
take any steps to meet this shortfall; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Usage of fertilizers and pesticides for
cotton**

2100. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

(a) whether usage of fertilizers and
pesticides per hectare for cotton has
increased since Bt. cotton was approved in
India;

(b) if so, what is being planned to be
done to reverse it;

(c) whether cotton growing farmers on
an average made a loss in 2014-15 and the
following years;

(d) if so, what is being planned to be
done to reverse it; and

(e) whether yield growth of cotton took
place in early years of Bt. cotton when its
cultivation percentage was miniscule and
that cotton yield has stagnated since when
Bt. cotton cultivation became mainstream
in the country?

Decline in production of pulses

2101. DR. BANDA PRAKASH:
SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

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

(a) whether the production of pulses in

the country has been witnessing a decline in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to improve the production and productivity of pulses during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fair value for farmers produces

2102. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to dismantle Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) systems and switch to National Agriculture Market or e-NAM, an electronically-operated trading platform, to enable farmers to sell their produce and get fair value in the country;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure farmers get fair value of their produce?

Including potato, onion and tomato under Market Intervention Scheme

2103. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include potato, onion and tomato under Market Intervention Scheme in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, being the major producer of these vegetables;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to farmers for agricultural and horticulture crops

†2104. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have formulated various schemes to protect the farmers from unstable prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government proposes to provide aid to the farmers for profitable prices for agriculture and horticulture produces under the existing schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a possibility to include the produces under Price Support Scheme (PSS) which are not included in Minimum Support Price (MSP) regime; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided to States in this regard?

Conflict of interest of APMCs under APLMA

2105. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a conflict of interest of the Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs) under the Agriculture Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2017 (APLMA, 2017);

(b) the total loss incurred by farmers across the country in light of contract farming being left out of the APLMA;

(c) the measures undertaken by Government in the past five years for States

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which have not yet accepted the APMC model to accept the same; and

(d) the total loss incurred by APMC farmers owing to the inclusion of private farmers under the APLMA?

Annual growth in the MSP

2106. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the year-wise details of annual growth in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for various crops of the last five years is available; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Production and demand of fruits and vegetables

2107. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks second in the world in the production of fruits and vegetables;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the production of fruits and vegetables is adequate to meet the domestic demands, if so, the details of demand and production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Production of onion

2108. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note

that the production of onion has been increasing in recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to lift the ban on export of onions to safeguard the interests of the onion growers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Issues with Bt. cotton

2109. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of difference in yield of Bt. cotton compared to conventional cotton during past five years;

(b) whether there is stagnation in yield of Bt. cotton in past five years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether per hectare usage of fertilizers and pesticides has increased for production of Bt. cotton, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps are being taken to decrease excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides;

(e) whether alternatives to Bt. cotton are being developed locally; and

(f) the details of average revenue and losses made by cultivators of Bt. cotton in the past five years?

Review of Soil Health Card Scheme

2110. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have not taken the scheme

for distribution of Soil Health Card seriously with the result that majority of farmers are yet to derive desired benefits and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government intends to review the scheme afresh and re-lay emphasis on soil testing to apprise the farmers the nature of fertilizer or mineral needed for better productivity?

Distribution of Soil Health Cards in Uttar Pradesh

2111. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the information about the number of Soil Health Cards distributed, district-wise in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government also has information about the amount of fertilizers saved by the farmers by judicious use of fertilizer with the help of soil card?

Compensation to farmers for crop loss

†2112. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the details of amount paid as compensation for loss of crops to farmers owing to unseasonal rain and drought during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the rate of compensation per acre and the timeline of amendments made therein; and

(c) the details thereof?

Debit of money deposited under PM-KISAN Yojana

2113. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the farmers brought into notice that money deposited under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) is being debited from their accounts;

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

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

Watershed projects under PMKSY in Maharashtra

2114. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes that are available to provide irrigation water to farmers in rainfed agricultural areas;

(b) the number of watershed projects that have been sanctioned and completed under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-Watershed Component), State-wise, including Maharashtra;

(c) the amount of funds released for watershed projects under PMKSY, State-wise, including Maharashtra;

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(d) whether Government intends to sanction new watershed projects under PMKSY for rainfed agricultural areas in Maharashtra; and

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

Doubling/electrification/new rail line projects in Tamil Nadu

2115. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up a number of projects for doubling/electrification/ new railway lines in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether the allocation made for railway projects are not matching with the required funds and thereby causing huge delay in completion of railway projects in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the target fixed for major projects in Tamil Nadu?

Setting up of special courts for resolving farmers' problem

2116. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not setting up of special courts for farmers to resolve their payment-related problems;

(b) whether there is a plan to incentivize the farmers instead of giving subsidy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sharing of information regarding fertilizers through soil health cards

†2117. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soil Health Card is merely a paper indicating the physical condition of soil due to recording of only general information on it;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware of the suggestion of experts where it has been stated that details of fertilizers should be given on Soil Health Card as per the next crop after asking farmers, which would be useful for farmers and at the same time modern labs should be set up for soil testing;

(c) if so, steps being taken by Government in this direction; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Monitoring prices of medicines

2118. DR. VIKAS MAHATME:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:

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

(a) whether Department of Pharmaceuticals has any scheme to monitor the prices of medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for creating consumer awareness on exorbitant prices of the medicines in India along with the details thereof?

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Number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country

2119. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:

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

(a) the names of the locations in the country, where Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been set up;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps for setting up Jan Aushadhi Kendras especially in backward areas of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

Prices of anti-cancer medicines

2120. DR. VIKAS MAHATME:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:
DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the prices of anti-cancer medicines are high in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that cancer patients incur a large portion of their treatment money on anti-cancer medicines only;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to control the prices of anti-cancer medicines; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Authorising private entities to import fertilizers

2121. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has authorized any private entities to import fertilizers from foreign countries;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has put in any mechanism to monitor the activities of the private fertilizer importers to ensure the timely supply of fertilizers to farmers;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Phasing out of support to pharma industry

2122. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to phase out support to pharma industry by 2020;

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

(c) whether any resistance has been coming from pharma industry in this regard;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the support to pharma industry towards research and development?

Import of fertilizers

2123. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is importing a major portion of fertilizers being utilised by farmers in India;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the details regarding reasons for low fertilizer production domestically;

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the production of fertilizers in India; and

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

Additional funds to meet subsidy requirement

2124. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has sought additional ₹23,000 crore to meet the subsidy requirement for the January-March quarter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the backlog of pendency will be cleared from the balance funds available during the current fiscal and the remaining dues will be paid on receipt of additional budget; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposed e-waste recycling plant at CIPET, Bengaluru

2125. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of first-ever Government-run electronic waste (e-waste) recycling plant that was announced to be set up in Bengaluru in July, 2018, which would be maintained by the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET);

(b) whether Government intends to set up such a facility in Bengaluru, which is known as the IT Capital of India; and

(c) if so, by when it will be operational?

Market-linking of fertilizer prices

2126. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a policy for market-linking of fertilizer prices or whether any reforms in this sector are being considered, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether promoting private capex and encouraging proven private sector players is being thought of, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role and extent of the private sector in fertilizer production and whether there is any proposal to revamp any existing fertilizer PSU in West Bengal?

Demand-production details of fertilizers

†2127. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demand of fertilizers per year in comparison to the production per year in the country at present; and

(b) whether the said demand is likely to increase in future, if so, the estimated quantum of the demand in million tonne

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per year by 2022 and the steps taken by Government so far to increase the production in proportion to this projected demand?

Standardization and quality improvement

2128. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the steps taken by Department of Pharmaceuticals for Standardization and quality improvement along with the details thereof?

Revival of textile sector

†2129. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recommended for revival of the textile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government, for revival of textile sector, intends to review the Free Trade Agreements with the countries like Bangladesh from whom no duty is charged for access to the Indian markets?

Impact of RCEP agreement

2130. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) pact during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Bangkok;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that

the impact of the agreement will be worst; and

(d) the details of remedial measures being taken by Government to ward off the negative impact of the RCEP agreement?

Opening of domestic trade market for foreign players

2131. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has opened the domestic trade market of goods, services and investments to foreign players during the period from 2014 to 2019;

(b) if so, the new openings made during this period therefor; and

(c) the detail of concessions and other benefits given to the MNCs and present status of projects and investments thereof?

Conditions diluting Indian interests under RCEP

†2132. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of conditions diluting the Indian interests under Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement; and

(b) whether Government has protected the interests of farmers, micro, small and medium enterprises, textiles industry, dairy, drugs and chemical industries by rejecting the said agreement, if so, the details thereof?

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National e-Commerce Policy

2133. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to incorporate any changes to the draft National e-Commerce Policy, including, but not limited to, those proposed by various stakeholders in consultative discussions or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to release the updated final National e-Commerce Policy by the year end; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of RCEP

2134. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment of the impact of proposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement;

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

(c) whether Government has taken a decision not to sign the said agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government's decision would protect the interests of small entrepreneurs in India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Students passing out of IIFT

2135. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who have passed out of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in the past five years;

(b) the number of students who have passed out of IIFT in the past five years belong to SC, ST and OBC category; and

(c) the strength of the teaching staff at IIFT and how many of them belong to SC, ST and OBC category?

Development of Special Economic Zones

2136. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to extend the time for developers for development of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the SEZs which have got extension in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether any tax exemptions and other incentives have been offered, if so, the details thereof?

Economic impact of Free Trade Agreements

2137. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an economic impact assessment has been conducted for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Free Trade Agreement with the ASEAN countries and five other nations;

(b) whether an economic impact assessment has been conducted for the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Free Trade Agreement; and

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

Acquisition of land of tenant farmers

†2138. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to give employment in the company (institution) to the family of the tenant farmers whose land is acquired for establishing any industry;

(b) if so, the details of such tenant farmers whose land was acquired for setting up of Ultratech Cement Factory, Satna, Maihar Cement Factory, Satna and J.P. Cement Factory, Rewa in Madhya Pradesh along with details of the unemployed people who were given jobs in these companies; and

(c) the details of each one of them with their names and addresses?

Private investment in the country

2139. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) total private investment in India, in amount and percentage, from 2009 onwards, calculated for every five years; and

(b) the details thereof?

China's FTA with other countries

†2140. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) India's view on China's proposed Free Trade Agreement (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) among sixteen countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to experts, the said agreements are expected to adversely affect the agriculture and commerce sector of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Centres

2141. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has entered into an agreement with World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) for establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISC);

(b) the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of TISCs established or planned to be established by Government so far; and

(d) the budgetary allocations towards the same?

Low factory output recorded as per IIP

2142. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government is

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considering the eight year low factory output, as per Index of Industrial Production (IIP) during September, 2019;

(b) whether Government analysed the reasons and outcome of such low industrial production; and

(c) whether Government has taken any remedial measures to boost industrial production?

IPAB's non provision to appeal to Supreme Court

2143. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB), which currently exercises jurisdiction over Trademarks, Patents, Geographical Indications and Copyright cases, does not provide any provision for appeal to the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, whether this makes protection of Trade name/Trademark in India vulnerable, especially since our Hon'ble Prime Minister is making huge efforts to bring in foreign companies to India to set up shop; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Law and Justice has any recommendation to amend this Act to include appeal to Supreme Court from IPAB?

e-Commerce Policy

2144. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Special Task Force to draft National e-Commerce Policy;

(b) the details of discussions on data localisation and data protection; and

(c) the details of the public consultations carried out on the policy, if any?

Draft National Logistic Policy

2145. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared draft National Logistic Policy for commerce and trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is aimed at reducing the high transaction cost of traders;

(d) if so, to what extent;

(e) how does it compare with that of other developed countries; and

(f) steps aimed at simplification of documentation for exports and import and digitization of processes in customs and other statutory procedures?

Trade agreements signed between India and China

†2146. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agreements signed between India and China during the recent visit of the President of China to India ;

(b) the value of import and export that would be done through these agreements;

(c) the steps taken by Government to maintain the balance of export-import between the two countries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Implementation of "One Nation One Card" scheme

2147. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States that have initiated the scheme 'One Nation One Card' for consumers, covered under Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) the number of people who have availed the benefits of this card and the number out of them who belong to SC, ST and OBC category; and

(c) by when does the Ministry plan to launch this card nationwide for benefiting people from all States of the country?

Reduction in supply of food items to BPL families

†2148. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of some of the food items have been stopped by reducing the ration being provided to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) the details of food items that have been stopped during the last three years;

(c) the reason for reduction in the food items being issued to poor people; and

(d) the details of food items proposed to be stopped by the Ministry in near future?

Export of sugar

2149. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is expected that sugar mills could be exporting about 30-35 lakh tonne of sugar in 2018-19 as against the allocated minimum indicative export quota of 50 lakh tonne, unless the export quota is backed by Government with some force or penalty on mills which are not exporting against their quotas;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to enhance the export of sugar after meeting the domestic needs?

PDS crisis in Manipur

2150. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any PDS allocation crisis in Manipur, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount of PDS items that have been distributed in Manipur during the year 2019, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action is taken by Government to stop the leakages in the process of allocation and distribution through PDS to ensure foodgrains reach the hands of deserving people of Manipur; and

(d) whether it is a fact that rice allocation of six months has not reached the public?

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Buffer stock of onions

2151. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total buffer stock capacity of onions in Government's warehouses;
- (b) the amount of onions disposed of in the year 2018-19; and
- (c) the reasons for their disposal?

Foodgrains stock with FCI

2152. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether grain stocks in Central Pool at around 73.6 million tonnes in September this year were 2.4 times more than buffer norm for October and 80 per cent higher than buffer norms for July this year;
- (b) whether burgeoning stocks with FCI jack up cost of stored grain and in turn raised food subsidy bill to unsustainable levels; and
- (c) whether study by NABARD and ICRIER has suggested that shifting a part of rice production to Central and Eastern States and promoting wheat cultivation in the rice-growing regions of Punjab and Haryana could help India prevent an impending water shortage?

Hallmarking of jewellery

2153. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, in pursuance of India notifying the proposed quality control order to the WTO, steps are afoot to make

hallmarking of jewellery mandatory from December 15 of this year;

- (b) whether there are more than 800 hallmarking centres in the country, mainly in urban areas, which are equipped to hallmark jewellery in three categories-14, 18 and 22 carat;
- (c) whether, to enable the consumers in rural areas to avail of the facility, Government is planning to set up another 400 hallmarking units at district levels; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Suggestions on rules under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019

2154. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has invited suggestions from the public to be incorporated in the Rules under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019;
- (b) if so, the broad details of the suggestions received from the public;
- (c) whether Government has received suggestions to be incorporated in the Rules for some special provision for expeditious and speedy disposal of cases of senior citizens above 70 years of age in District Consumer Courts; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government has taken for preferential hearing of the cases of senior citizens in consumer courts?

Review of food policy

2155. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.): Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a proposal

to review the country's food policy, especially the distribution system to achieve "Zero Hunger" across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether people living in rural areas have to depend on the Public Distribution System (PDS) due to the drought/flood situation prevailing in some parts of the country?

Aadhaar-based technical improvements in PDS

‡2156. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the States that have adopted Aadhaar-based technical improvements in PDS model in the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that many States are facing pressure even after adopting the said technical improvements, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to do away with the Aadhaar based technical improvements in PDS mode, if so, the details thereof?

Procurement of foodgrains under MSP regime

2157. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrains produced by the farmers as Rabi and Kharif crops have been procured by Government at the prescribed Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the country during last two years;

(b) whether the prices of agricultural products are decreasing steadily, resulting in major differences in rates of agricultural produces; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to formulate any fixed rule or issue directions for procurement of foodgrains at the MSP regularly at prescribed times from each of the foodgrain mandis in order to resolve the said problem, if so, the details thereof?

Benefits of "One Nation One Card" scheme

2158. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce "One Nation One Card" in all the States;

(b) if so, the exact planning to introduce such ration card;

(c) the manner in which problems of different States would be addressed in this scheme; and

(d) the manner in which the people would be benefited with the newly proposed ration card scheme?

Pensionary documents of retired personnel of FCI

‡2159. 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 the pensionary documents of personnel who retired under compulsory retirement scheme are not available in the Kolkata office of Food Corporation of India (FCI);

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the details of action taken against the negligent officers who are responsible for this?

Rise in prices of onions

†2160. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
 VERMA:
 SHRI VISHAMBHAR
 PRASAD NISHAD:
 CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
 YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that onion prices have risen unexpectedly during the last three months, *i.e.* September, October and November;

(b) the year-wise and month-wise details of price rise taking place in wholesale and retail market of onions during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government machinery has failed to control the price rise of onions;

(d) whether farmers have benefited from this price rise or whether traders/middlemen have benefited more from price rise of onions; and

(e) the details of obstacles being faced while controlling the price rise of essential food commodities?

Import of onions

2161. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to import one lakh tonnes of onion to check the ongoing rise in prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the price per tonne for the same; and

(c) the details of onion as procured/imported by Government in the last five years and the details of the amount of such stocks that were wasted/became rotten?

Setting up of district consumer courts

2162. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether district consumer courts are yet to be set up in a number of districts despite the assistance provided by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard along with the criterion fixed for setting up of such courts, State-wise; and

(c) the number of cases registered, disposed and pending in these courts along with the steps taken to clear these cases in a time-bound manner?

Storage of foodgrains

2163. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains which are not stored under covered godowns; and

(b) the quantity of foodgrains turned into non-edible quality?

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Production of fish, eggs and milk in the country

2164. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of fish, eggs and milk (cow and buffalo) in the country over the past five years;

(b) the reasons for the increase or decrease in their production; and

(c) whether the country is self-sufficient in the production of fish, eggs and milk to fulfil the demand of it]s people?

Implementation of scheme for improvement of breeds of native cows

†2165. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cows and milch cattle in India outnumber the global number of milch cattle;

(b) if so, the average annual milk production in India in comparison to the global production along with, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is running any scheme to improve the breeds of native cows;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the schemes being run by Government for the benefit of cattle-keepers?

Nutritional value of milk of indigenous cow

†2166. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk of the cows of indigenous breeds having rump (tail head) possesses greater nutritional value and resistance power to fight against incurable diseases; and

(b) if so, whether the same has been proven scientifically to?

Schemes for the development of animal husbandry, dairy and poultry in the country

2167. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes being implemented by Government for the development of animal husbandry, dairy and poultry in the country during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the total number of farmers who have been benefited by these schemes so far;

(c) whether Government has failed to achieve the growth targets in the animal husbandry sector, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from some States regarding animal husbandry and dairy projects under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes; and

(e) the funds allocated and released to various States by the Central Government during the said period?

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Quality of milk produced in the country

2168. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of dairy units that are working in the country;
- (b) whether there is any quality control machinery of Government for quality control over private dairy operators; and
- (c) the difference in the quality of milk produced by Government dairy units and that produced by private players?

Expenditure on welfare of cows

2169. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of money that has been spent for the welfare of cows in the last three years;
- (b) the amount of money allocated per day for fodder of cows in the Government cow shelters;
- (c) the number of cows that died in cow shelters run by Government, religious organisations and NGOs; and
- (d) the reasons for death of cows in these cow shelters, State-wise?

Illegal running of dairies in urban areas

†2170. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether milk dairies can be run in urban areas; and

- (b) if not, the steps Government is taking to prevent illegal running of dairies?

Steps to address the problems of wastage of food and other perishable items

2171. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on an ambitious plan to address the problem of wastage of food and other perishable items by linking producing States with States which have demand for such items and also ensuring fast supply to food processing industry which would help in achieving the goal of doubling farmers' income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government would become a facilitator to ensure that perishable items reach those involved in food processing industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment in FDIs

2172. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than US \$ 1 billion has been invested in food processing industry during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the units of food processing industries that came up in each State during the last five years; and
- (d) whether these units have commenced production or are in the documentation stage as on date?

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Setting up of FPI units and food parks in Madhya Pradesh

†2173. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish new food processing units and food parks in Madhya Pradesh during the period 2020-21, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has selected districts/ regions for these units/food parks, if so, the details of the selected regions; and

(c) whether Government has earmarked any budget for the said project, if so, the details of the budget earmarked therefor?

FPIs in Gujarat

†2174. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries currently functional in Gujarat and the number of labourers working in such industries;

(b) the details of such food processing industries in Gujarat that have been provided financial and technical assistance by Government during the last three years, location-wise; and

(c) the value of such vegetables/fruits and foodgrains at present that get rotten in Gujarat every year?

Committee to review functioning of PRIs

2175. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would form a committee to review the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to know the success rate and also inaccuracies inherent in the present form;

(b) the age profile of female representatives in these institutions; and

(c) the share of panchayats in rural development?

Insufficiency of funds in PRIs

2176. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the growing insufficiency of funds in the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs);

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Ministry to ensure greater fiscal federalism; and

(c) the list of measures taken by the Ministry to resolve these issues under the Finance Commission to ensure better devolution of funds to the PRIs?

Railway projects in Bihar

2177. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the railway projects under implementation in Bihar; and

(b) the status of these projects with estimated cost, expenditure incurred and date of completion of the projects?

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VIP references for release of Head Office quota

2178. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether VIP references for release of Head Office (HO) quota to the Ministry of Railways/Railway Zones are not accorded priority in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number of references received and quota released during the last two years, Zone-wise;

(c) whether complaints/representations from VIPs/Members of Parliament (MPs) have been regularly received against officials of MR Cell for deliberate and biased treatment of VIP references;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(e) the other related steps and initiatives being taken by Government?

Passengers Amenities Committee

2179. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Passengers Amenities Committee visited 17 railway stations to assess problems faced by passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of stations in Haryana that were visited by the Committee;

(d) the findings of the Committee; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to improve passenger amenities at the railway stations of Haryana?

Proposal for East Coast Freight Corridor

2180. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to construct a new freight corridor between Kharagpur in West Bengal and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh named as East Coast Freight Corridor, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposal has been sent to the Finance Ministry for its approval;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present status of Eastern and Western Freight Corridors which were announced long back?

Corporatization of production units

2181. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a detailed study for corporatizing production units has been initiated, as per the 100- days Action Plan of the Ministry;

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

(c) the status of the Indian Railway Rolling Stock Company (IRRSC), including the time-frame within which it would be formed;

(d) whether the Ministry has engaged in consultations with Unions regarding the corporatization of production units; and

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

Use of renewable energy in Railways

2182. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to use renewable energy to source the electricity needs of Railways to reduce carbon footprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the proposed targets for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

Quantum of railway revenue from different sources

2183. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers who travelled in trains in the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the comparative contributions of revenue received from passengers in its various zones;

(c) the revenue received from allocation of space for book stalls, tea stalls and other business activities; and

(d) the number of passengers who failed to travel due to non-confirmation of their tickets in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?

Explosion at Hubballi Railway Station

2184. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry admits that lapse by the Railway Protection Force

(RPF) staff was *prima facie* evident in the low-intensity explosion at Hubballi railway station that occurred on 21st October, 2019 where one civilian was injured;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the additional steps taken by Government to increase safety of passengers at railway stations in the country, considering the increasing threat of anti-national elements?

Ongoing and pending railway projects

†2185. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of ongoing and pending railway projects in the country at present, State-wise and Zone-wise;

(b) whether many ongoing rail projects are getting delayed due to which their costs are escalating drastically;

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

(d) the project-wise, State-wise and Zone-wise details of estimated amount for the completion of these projects and the details of amount spent on these projects till date?

Status of station redevelopment plan

2186. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the redevelopment plan of railway stations in the country; and

(b) the State-wise details of stations identified, funds allocated and progress of works so far, under the said plan?

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Qadian - Beas railway project

2187. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the projected completion date of the Qadian - Beas railway project;

(b) the steps taken to begin the construction of the Qadian - Beas railway project;

(c) whether the Final Location Survey (FLS) has been completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New DFCs under consideration

2188. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) in the country;

(b) whether more such Dedicated Freight Corridors are under consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Sakri-Nirmali and Saharsa-Supaul rail lines

2189. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget spent on Sakri-Nirmali rail line for gauge conversion;

(b) the current status of Sakri-Nirmali rail line and the details thereof;

(c) by when the common people will have an opportunity to ride a train between the Sakri and Nirmali on new rail line and whether new trains have been allocated for the Sakri-Nirmali rail line;

(d) the total budget spent on the Saharsa-Supaul rail line;

(e) the current status of Saharsa-Supaul rail line and the details thereof; and

(f) by when the common people will have an opportunity to ride a train between the Saharsa and Supaul?

Quality of product supplied by SAIL to Indian Railways

2190. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the product supplied by Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) to Indian Railway is not matching the quality parameters of the Rail Manual issued by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) of Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the tensile strength of the existing railway track was "not adequate" for 25-tonne axle load operations; and

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

Profitability of Railways

2191. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the operating ratio of Railways in the last five years;

(b) the Compound Annual Growth Rate of Railways in the last five years; and

(c) the net revenue accrued to Railways in the last five years, year-wise?

Encroachment/illegal occupation of railway land

2192. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that instances of encroachment/illegal occupation of railway land are increasing in recent years;

(b) if so, the details of railway land encroached or illegally occupied in the country and measures taken to free the land from encroachment/illegal occupation;

(c) whether there is any national policy on public/private use of railway land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Passenger train connectivity with neighbouring countries

2193. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that among the six neighbouring countries with which India has land connectivity, it has passenger rail connectivity with only one;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are plans to start passenger train connectivity with the other neighbouring countries; and

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

Corporatization of coach factories

2194. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to

corporatize coach factories like Rae Bareli Modern Rail Coach Factory and RCF units in Kapurthala and Chennai;

(b) if so, whether all the stakeholders like contractors, employees, State Governments have been consulted;

(c) the rationale behind corporatization of these coach factories;

(d) whether the interests of workers, both direct and indirect, including contract workers would be taken care of, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure that the career prospects and terms and conditions of workers are not altered to their detriment, with the details thereof?

Corridors identified for allowing train operations by private players

2195. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway has identified 28 railway corridors in the country for roping in private players for trains operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the 214 km rail line in Kerala has also been included in the said list; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bullet trains between metros less than 500 kms apart

2196. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to run bullet trains between metros which are less than 500 km apart to

reduce the travel time and vehicular traffic between the cities; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the cities identified for bullet train connectivity, State-wise?

Status of superfast train service between Delhi and Alwar

†2197. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable progress has been made on the superfast train service running from Delhi to Alwar (Rajasthan) so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no land acquisition for the said super fast train service has not been done as yet; and

(c) by when Government proposes to complete this much awaited superfast train service?

Multi-tracking project

2198. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed 'multi-tracking' project in the 34,000 km. stretch of highly busy/important/utilised rail network;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed targets and phases of the project;

(c) the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the proposed time-frame within which the project is to be completed?

Vacancies in Railways

2199. SHRI RIPUN BORA:
SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of sanctioned posts are lying vacant in Railways;

(b) if so, the zone-wise/year-wise/department-wise details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and steps taken to fill such vacancies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to bring down the strength of Railway employees to half of the present strength; and

(d) if so, zone-wise plan details and the reasons therefor?

Elephants killed by trains

2200. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of elephants injured, killed by running trains in the entire country including North Bengal have increased in the last five years;

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

(c) the measures taken by Railways to curb the increasing accidents; and

(d) the loss incurred by Railways due to such accidents?

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Survey to complete pending railway projects by 2022

2201. SHRI VAIKO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have undertaken a survey to complete all the pending projects running behind schedule, in a time-bound manner, by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the major projects pending in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana for the last ten years or more; and

(d) by when these projects will be completed, by providing adequate funds, particularly for Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu?

Recruitment drives in Railways

†2202. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recruitment drives undertaken in Railways during the last five years, the zone-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of employees appointed on regular posts through these recruitment drives;

(c) the number of recruitment drives for which the result is yet to be declared;

(d) the number of candidates waiting for appointment after the declaration of results;

(e) the time-limit initially prescribed for the awaited results and the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(f) the details of recruitment drives for which eligibility conditions were amended after the submission of applications by candidates and declaration of results?

Representation from Railway Union employees against privatisation of Railways

2203. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has privatised several railway routes in the recent past, if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has received requests/representations from various quarters including Railway Unions against privatising the railway routes;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with action taken/being taken by Government on such requests/representations so far; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect the interests of the employees of Railways while privatising such railway routes?

Low occupancy of trains last year

†2204. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was low passenger occupancy in many trains including Shatabdi during last year;

(b) if so, the names of such trains;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any steps to avoid low passenger occupancy in trains; and

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

Improvement of railway infrastructure in the North-Eastern region

2205. SHRI K. G. KENYE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government to improve railway infrastructure in the North-Eastern region including total expenditure for the same in the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to bring rail connectivity to all major cities in the North-East including linking all capital cities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to make Kazipet Junction into a new division

2206. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to make Kazipet Junction as new division in Telangana State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon along with the details of the funds sanctioned and spent so far post bifurcation of the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh

2207. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Union Budget 2017-18, the Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh was created to provide for

passenger safety in Railways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the safety fund is used towards elimination of unmanned level crossings and improving and modernising signalling systems; and

(c) if so, the quantum of fund Government has provided under the scheme and how much of it has been utilised under the scheme till date for passenger safety, the details thereof?

Re-allocation of railway officers to zonal levels

2208. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways is planning on re-allocating its officers to zonal levels based on the report of the Committee headed by Bibek Debroy in 2015;

(b) the reasons for restructuring the Railway Board;

(c) the details from the eighteen zonal centres; and

(d) the measures being taken to maintain regular accountability of the Railway Board and the zonal centres?

Improvement of facilities through privatisation

2209. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning for privatisation of some prestigious superfast trains in the country, the details thereof;

(b) the areas where privatisation would help improve existing facilities in these

trains for the benefit of passengers, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would lead to retrenchment of railway employees, the details thereof?

Privatisation of trains and train routes

2210. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of routes that have been privatised so far and expected to be privatised in the near future;

(b) the number of private trains operating at present that have received permission and those which are awaiting permission;

(c) the criteria followed to decide the routes for privatisation; and

(d) the manner in which the private train operations affect the normal trains?

Filling up of vacant safety-related posts

2211. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to fill up safety-related vacant posts within a year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Additional funds for MGNREGA

2212. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

pump in more funds to MGNREGA so that the scheme may become more effective;

(b) whether more works are to be added in this; and

(c) whether Government proposes to make MGNREGA a permanent feature?

Organic kitchen gardens in the National Rural Livelihood Mission

2213. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, on the lines of Odisha Rural Livelihood Mission, Government is planning to incorporate organic kitchen gardens in the National Rural Livelihood Mission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Skill training to workers under MGNREGA

2214. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has decided to provide skill training to workers under MGNREGA and pay ₹ 250 per day for specialised work that they do after obtaining skills;

(b) if so, the details of the initiative;

(c) whether the Ministry has also tied up with Krishi Vigyan Kendras to train MGNREGA workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether there are any tie-ups with any other agency to provide skills, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the above programme would be first started in aspirational districts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, with particular reference to aspirational districts in Andhra Pradesh?

Pension scheme for persons living Below Poverty Line

†2215. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pension scheme is being implemented by Government for widows, old aged and unemployed persons, living Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and expended under this scheme during last five years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government is considering to double the funds allocated under this scheme and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Labourers employed under MGNREGA in Bihar

†2216. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme of Government, the wages per person have been fixed as ₹171 per day for 2019-20 for 100 working days;

(b) the details of the number of labourers employed for 100 days under MGNREGA in the State of Bihar from April, 2019 to 31 October, 2019; and

(c) the amount of funds spent in the said period?

Adoption of villages under SAGY in Jammu and Kashmir

2217. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Hon'ble MPs have adopted their villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) scheme in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the status of these villages in Jammu and Kashmir?

Construction of lavatories to the houses under Indira Awaas Yojana

2218. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government is drawn to the matter of houses constructed under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of houses constructed so far and distributed to the poor;

(c) whether it is a fact that proper lavatory system has not been provided in these houses, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount sanctioned for IAY houses during 2019-20 in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for providing lavatories to those houses, the details thereof?

Construction of roads under PMGSY using green technology

2219. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of roads sanctioned, work-in-progress and completed using green technology under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise and year-wise for the last three years;

(b) the details of plastic waste used under PMGSY for construction of roads through green technology, including the quantity in kilogram terms;

(c) the details of cost of constructing roads through green and other new technologies, including but not limited to cold mix technology and plastic waste, in per kilometer terms; and

(d) whether Government plans to increase the use of these technologies, the details thereof?

Wages given to labourers in Madhya Pradesh under MGNREGA

†2220. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details and conclusions of action taken with reference to Madhya Pradesh to equalize the daily wages being given to the labourers under MGNREGA with the wages being given to the labourers employed in agriculture-related works, as in Madhya Pradesh, agricultural labourers' wage is ₹205 while wages of unskilled labour under MGNREGA is ₹176?

Rural connectivity projects under PMGSY in Bihar

2221. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rural connectivity projects sanctioned in Bihar in the last five years including but not limited to works sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) the rural connectivity projects completed by the Ministry in Bihar in the last five years;

(c) whether rural connectivity projects sanctioned in the last five years in Bihar have not yet been completed; and

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

Expansion in scope of MGNREGA Scheme

2222. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to expand the scope of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Scheme by increasing the guaranteed number of days of employment and the kind of works permissible under the scheme, in order to accelerate rural demand in the wake of the general slowdown of the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have demanded relaxation of the bar on the use of machines to tackle rocky terrain in the works undertaken; and

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

Execution of schemes by District Rural Development Agencies

2223. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of functions and schemes that have been entrusted to and are being executed by District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs); and

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(b) the details of funds that have been allocated to DRDAs during the last five years including in the State of Rajasthan?

Utilisation of funds made to the District Rural Development Agencies

2224. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation and utilisation of funds made to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) during the last three years, State-wise, including the district-wise details of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any suggestions/complaints have been received to strengthen the DRDAs for their effective functioning and implementation of schemes; and

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

Issuance of landholding ID numbers

2225. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to issue a unique ID number for landholdings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which Government is planning to roll out and complete the process;

(d) the agency which would be given the authorisation to collect the data; and

(e) on what basis and to whom would the unique ID number be issued?

Amount spent under MGNREGS

2226. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount Central Government has spent, out of its full year budget, for the flagship rural job guarantee scheme, MGNREGS;

(b) whether Government proposes to allocate more funds to the scheme to boost rural economy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Watershed projects in Odisha

2227. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for non-sanction of new watershed projects since 2015-16 for the State of Odisha which is predominantly a rain-fed State; and

(b) whether steps would be taken for release of assistance from Central Government for smooth completion of 76 watershed projects in Odisha?

Increase in MGNREGA wages to match agricultural wages

2228. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to link the MGNREGA wages to CPI (Rural) instead of CPI (AL) as is being recommended by the Committee under the Chairpersonship of former Additional Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry intends to increase MGNREGA wages to match the minimum agricultural wages for all the States, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Rajasthan

2229. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rural roads, in kilometres, that have been constructed under PMGSY in Rajasthan during the past five years; and

(b) how many kilometres of roads are proposed to be constructed in 2019-20?

Average employment days under MGNREGA in Andhra Pradesh

2230. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether average days of employment under MGNREGA in Andhra Pradesh were just 52 days in 2016-17 and has gone upto 58 days in 2018-19;

(b) if so, the reasons that, in spite of MGNREGA mandating to provide 100 days of guaranteed wage employment, the Ministry has not been able to provide 100 days of employment in Andhra Pradesh during the above period;

(c) the extent of role of State Government in ensuring 100 days of wage employment to job-seekers; and

(d) how the Ministry would ensure that henceforth, all job-seekers would be provided 100 days of employment?

Assistance for house construction under PMAY

†2231. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for

increasing the assistance provided for construction of houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the execution of PMAY-G in Madhya Pradesh is as per the targets set; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Operational centres under PMKVY

2232. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how many centres are operational in different States, as of now, under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) how many people have so far been able to develop skill by using these centres; and

(c) how much funds have so far been allocated for this purpose, State-wise details thereof?

Counselling programmes and vocational training standards

2233. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any counselling programmes available that focus on soft skills, such as how candidates should look at their job prospects, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any nation-wide vocational education and training standards in India or are there any plan to set such standards, along with the details thereof,

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if not, whether Government plans to introduce such standards; and

(c) the monitoring mechanism to ensure that sub-standard training is not being imparted, the details thereof?

Setting up of Indian Institute of Skills

2234. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved setting up of Indian Institute of Skills (IIS)

(b) if so, details thereof and objective behind the move;

(c) whether Government has shortlisted places where IIS would be set up, if so, details thereof;

(d) whether Government has shortlisted courses to be offered to students along with number of students to be trained, if so, details thereof;

(e) whether these institutes would be constructed and operated on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model, if so, details thereof; and

(f) other steps taken by Government to make IIS equal to IITs by imparting first-hand learning facilities from internationally renowned existing institutions?

Training of Persons with Disabilities under NSDC

2235. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons trained under the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) during the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the total number of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) trained under NSDC during the above said years, year-wise; and

(c) whether any special policies are in place to fund initiatives by PwDs that could encourage their participation?

Women entrepreneurs in the country

2236. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the factors responsible for there being very few women entrepreneurs;

(b) the steps being taken to better this situation; and

(c) the future plans to extend aid to women entrepreneurs in the country?

ITIs in North-Eastern region

2237. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), both Government and private, presently running in the North-Eastern region, especially in Assam, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the establishment/improvement of ITIs in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Government has any plan to set up more ITIs in the North-Eastern region, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the same are likely to be set up, State-wise?

Schemes for skill development of women

2238. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes being implemented by Government for skill development of women to increase their employability have achieved the desired results during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and scheme/programme-wise, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether cases of irregularities/ corruption in the implementation of the said schemes have come to the notice of Government during this period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and scheme/programme-wise, along with the action taken/being taken by Government so far?

Setting up of ITI in Konkan region

†2239. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ITI is being set up in any district under Konkan region of Maharashtra under the vocational training improvement project by Government with the assistance of World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the region it belongs to; and

(c) the current status of the functioning of this ITI?

Goals achieved by PMKVY

2240. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the goal of the scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of funds spent for PMKVY during 2016-19, State-wise;

(c) the details of total number of candidates trained, State-wise; and

(d) the number of SC and ST candidates trained under PMKVY during 2016-19, State-wise including Kerala?

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