

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, July 20, 2018/Ashadha 29, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers;  
Coal; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;  
Electronics and Information Technology; Food Processing Industries;  
Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Railways)

Total number of questions — 15

#### Replacing bio-toilets with vacuum bio-toilets

\*31. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are planning to replace bio-toilets with vacuum bio-toilets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as of May, 2018, 1,36,965 bio-toilets have been fitted in 37,411 coaches at a cost of around ₹ 1 lakh per-toilet and there is a plan to install bio-toilets in around 18,750 more coaches by March, 2019, costing around ₹ 250 crore; and

(c) if so, how does the Government justify this replacement by vacuum bio-toilets costing at around ₹ 2.5 lakh per-unit?

#### Status of setting up of Kolhapur Bench of High Court of Bombay

\*32. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is under

consideration of Government to set up a Bench of High Court of Bombay at Kolhapur to take care of the cases pertaining to western Maharashtra and Konkan region, as the petitioners and respondents have to travel to Mumbai to follow up the pending cases, causing inconvenience;

(b) if so, the details with current status thereof; and

(c) by when Kolhapur Bench of High Court of Bombay would be setup?

#### Two-tier security and issuance of Virtual ID for Aadhaar database

\*33. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has proposed two-tier security in the wake of breach of Aadhaar database and to protect privacy of individuals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Virtual ID will be issued for transaction that will be shared with various

agencies and by when it would be implemented; and

(d) the steps taken to create general awareness of Virtual ID facility among all the Aadhaar holders in various parts of the country, including villages?

#### **Policy on Data Protection framework**

\*34. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the Policy on Data Protection framework, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of Committee of Experts headed by Justice B. N. Srikrishna on framing India's data protection laws; and

(c) the status of the recommendations considered by Government?

#### **Kakinada-Pithapuram railway line project**

\*35. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has held up the Kakinada-Pithapuram railway line project on the ground that the railway line is not economically viable;

(b) by when the project would be realized as the Railway Board has not shelved it permanently along with the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work would start and the anticipated timeline for completion of the project?

#### **R & D projects for food processing industries**

\*36. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has undertaken R&D projects for development of food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof and funds allocated therefor during Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c) the number of ongoing projects in private and public sector and action taken for their timely completion;

(d) whether India is processing food only to the extent of around 15 per cent as compared to 70-80 per cent in advanced countries;

(e) the efforts being made to increase processing to at least 25 per cent by 2020; and

(f) the status of food processing sector in Karnataka?

#### **Suicide by farmers**

\*37. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contrary to the claims of the Central and State Governments, the number of farmers committing suicide has consistently increased in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, year-wise and State-wise, along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures Government proposes to take to prevent suicide by farmers in Maharashtra and rest of the country?

**Non-profitability of suburban local trains in Greater Mumbai**

\*38. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite overcrowding of passengers and heavy rush all through the day, the running of suburban local trains in Greater Mumbai is not profitable;

(b) if so, the annual losses and the main reasons for losses of suburban local trains in Mumbai; and

(c) the measures the Ministry is taking to earn more revenue through suburban local trains being run in Mumbai?

**FIR in alleged leakage of Aadhaar details on a social media App**

\*39. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answers to Starred Question 5, Starred Question 155, Unstarred Question 1690 and Starred Question 421 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2 February, 2018, 9 March, 2018 and 6 April, 2018 respectively and state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Minister of State, Home Affairs has informed that the name of journalists finds mention in the FIR on reports on leakage of millions of Aadhaar details on WhatsApp for ₹ 500/- only;

(b) if so, the basis on which the Ministry concluded that no FIR has been filed against journalists; and

(c) the basis on which UIDAI claims that there is no leakage of Aadhaar details without investigation?

**Meetings of Multi-State Cooperative Societies**

\*40. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether para 1 (c) of Schedule attached with Multi-State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002 states that Returning Officer appointed under para 1(a) of Schedule shall send intimation by local delivery or under postal certificate, about the date, time and place of the general body meeting to each member of the Multi-State Co-operative Society;

(b) the legal status of election held in case the Returning Officer does not send intimation to each of the members of the Society; and

(c) the action taken by Central Registrar on the letter(s) received from MPs in the matter?

**Procurement of paddy from farmers of Andhra Pradesh**

\*41. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that paddy growing farmers in Andhra Pradesh are facing problems from public procurement centres in the State, resulting in fleecing of farmers by millers and middlemen in the current Rabi season;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware that the millers and middlemen are not adhering to the limits of moisture and other specifications and reducing the price of paddy even below the MSP after taking paddy to mills; and

(c) if so, the reasons for Ministry for

not intervening in this and procuring paddy from farmers of Andhra Pradesh and other States?

#### **Suicide by farmers**

†\*42. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers have committed suicide in the country on a large scale;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by Government to curb the incidents of suicide by farmers; and

(c) the total number of farmers who have committed suicide this year or have succumbed to starvation, the State-wise details thereof?

#### **Underground and opencast mines in the country**

\*43. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of underground and opencast coal mines in the country as on date, company-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the new coal mines opened during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including the State of Jharkhand;

(c) whether Government proposes to open new coal mines to increase coal production in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and State-wise?

#### **Comprehensive policy for the sugar industry**

\*44. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has recommended for dual price policy for domestic and commercial purposes to protect both—the consumers and the sugar industry;

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

(c) whether the Central Government is also considering to make any comprehensive long term policy for the sugar industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Delayed trains**

†\*45. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of trains which got delayed by more than five hours in reaching their destination in last three years;

(b) whether passengers are provided with catering facility in case of delayed running of trains;

(c) whether some manipulations have come forth in the software of railways for hiding delay of trains as their record does not match with the registers of Railways;

(d) the hurdles coming in way to address the issues due to which trains get delayed so that there is no constant delay of trains; and

(e) whether monitoring of punctuality of trains is being done properly?

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