

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, July 27, 2018/Shravana 5, 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**

#### **Prime Minister's package for farmers of Bihar**

\*106. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had, on 18 August, 2015 announced a package of ₹ 3094 crore for the welfare of farmers of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the amount of funds released so far out of the said package?

#### **Data on average monthly/annual income of farmers**

\*107. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any National or State level data on the average monthly/annual income of a farmer in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the methodology used to calculate the average income of a farmer and how a farmer is defined?

#### **Installation of CCTV cameras at railway stations and in trains**

\*108. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is finding it difficult to fund its project of installing CCTV cameras at railway stations and in certain trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with the Government to raise funds from various funds, including the Nirbhaya Fund, for funding the aforesaid project; and

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

**Sharp decline in digital transactions**

†\*109. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sharp decline is being recorded in digital transactions which happened during the demonetisation;

(b) the percentage of digital transactions during the demonetisation and the percentage of digital transactions at present;

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to enhance digital transactions and whether there has been any positive impact of the same; and

(d) the present status thereof?

**Depleting fish stocks in Godavari river**

\*110. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute in West Bengal has received a Notice from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on the petition of Godavari river fishermen in Andhra Pradesh that fish stocks have severely depleted;

(b) the details of the petition related to destruction of fish seed by rampant sand mining and water diversion on Godavari river;

(c) whether a meeting has been organised with the affected fishermen of riverine villages of Gutala, Tadipudi and Dowlaiswaram on river Godavari; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to address the issue?

**Pending cases in courts**

\*111. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the pending cases, including criminal cases, in the courts across the country;

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

(c) the details of the plan for fast-tracking work in judicial courts?

**Law Commission report on regulation of gambling in sports**

\*112. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has submitted a report to the Government proposing that since it is impossible to stop illegal gambling, the only viable option left is to regulate gambling in sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Panel wants the Government to introduce a cap on the number of gambling transactions for each individual; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Demand and supply of Data Scientists**

\*113. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge mismatch between the demand and supply of Data Scientists in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of this gap and the reasons therefor; and

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(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill this gap?

**Decline in new pharma product launches**

\*114. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Pharma Industry has witnessed a decline in new product launches, from 3505 pharma product brands in 2011 to 3150 in 2018;

(b) if so, whether their impact on growth and contribution to the Indian pharma market has also reduced over the last 7-8 years; and

(c) whether it has come to Government's notice that decline is due to in-licensing route taken by the companies and decline in both the volume and value of new product launches in select therapeutic segments, such as, anti-infectives and gastroenteritis, which are exposed to price controls?

**Laying of new railway lines**

†\*115. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total length of new railway lines laid during the tenure of present Government from 2014 till date along with the State-wise details thereof?

**Law Commission for legalising betting in sports and gambling**

\*116. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended for legalisation of betting in sports and gambling since their ban has only driven these habits underground;

(b) whether betting and gambling come under legal list; and

(c) whether the State of Kerala has been running a transparent and popular lottery scheme under the name of Karunya for many years, the proceeds of which are spent on medicare of the poor in the State?

**Promoting mariculture**

\*117. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has proposed to promote mariculture and open sea cage culture activity in all maritime States and Union Territories, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any estimate of the economic growth and job creation by promotion of the said activities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked for promotion of mariculture and related activities along with the details thereof?

**Vacancy of Chairman/Director in NDDB**

\*118. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vacancy in the post of Chairman/Director in the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has not been filled up by permanent appointment for the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the persons who are presently appointed to these posts and for how long?

**Increase in MSP of Kharif crops**

\*119. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has increased the MSP for Kharif crops 2018-19 recently;

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

(c) the details of increase in the MSP of Kharif crops during 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, year-wise and crop-wise; and

(d) the details of increase in cost of production of Kharif crops during 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, year-wise and crop-wise?

**Requirement of godowns for foodgrains**

†\*120. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:  
Will the Minister of CONSUMER

AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of godowns, in metric tonnes, required in the country to store the foodgrains produced in the country safely;

(b) the capacity of godowns, in metric tonnes, in the country which are in possession of the Government as on date;

(c) whether there is any plan of the Government to keep the foodgrains cent per cent safe in the godowns; and

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

NEW DELHI;  
*The 21st July, 2018*  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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(Ministry-wise)

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