

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, July 28, 2017/Shravana 6, 1939 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Uploading and sharing of objectionable videos**

\*136. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that objectionable videos are being uploaded through mobile phones and shared through WhatsApp, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to stop sharing of objectionable videos through mobiles and WhatsApp; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or being taken to stop such objectionable content?

#### **Vacancies of Judges**

\*137. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of Judges of High Courts which are lying vacant in the country, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to fill up the same;

(b) the process of appointing Judges of High Courts;

(c) whether the reservation policy is applicable in the appointment of Judges of High Courts and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to reserve 33 per cent posts of Judges of High Courts and the Supreme Court for SC, ST and OBC, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Departmental inquiry in contract for National Internet Backbone**

\*138. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 107 and Unstarred Question 3424 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 2016 and 16th December, 2016, respectively and state:

(a) whether Government has completed the departmental inquiry, which was to be completed by December, 2016, into the ₹ 300 crore scam in BSNL in award of contract for expansion of National Internet Backbone and in annual maintenance

contract along with purchase of new hardware;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with details of action taken against the erring companies and officials till 10th July, 2017;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay;

(d) whether Government has fixed responsibility in this regard; and

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

#### **Closure of Dhanbad-Chandrapur rail line route**

†\*139. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dhanbad-Chandrapur rail line has been closed in view of the underground fire, and the operation of some other trains has also been discontinued;

(b) if so, whether Government would make an alternative rail route for the convenience of the passengers travelling along all of the above rail lines;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Storage of perishable horticulture produce**

\*140. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are facing problem of storing onions, potatoes and other perishable horticulture produce due to bumper production, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Ministry has asked Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) to set up irradiation facilities in States and elsewhere to deal with the problem of plenty by increasing the shelf life of perishable horticulture produces, if so, details thereof;

(c) the response of BARC in this regard; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to make available facilities through which farmers could preserve perishable produces and sell them as per demand and at adequate price?

#### **Assistance for micro irrigation under PMKSY**

\*141. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enhance the rate of assistance, for the post harvest management, for the small and marginal farmers; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the micro irrigation assistance is to be increased to 70 per cent under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), if so, the details thereof?

#### **Suicides by farmers**

†\*142. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of suicides by farmers in certain parts of the country have increased considerably during the last three

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

years and current year, if so, details thereof, State-wise, and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether high dependence on private money lenders is one of the main reasons for suicides of farmers, if so, the details thereof and remedial measures taken in this regard; and

(c) whether the credit burden on farmers has increased as a result of disbursement of liberal/excess institutional credit for the farmers by the banks, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funding of various projects by Central Government**

\*143. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is wriggling out of its responsibilities to farmers by transferring all financial burden on the States;

(b) whether projects like RKVY, Rainfed Area Development (RAD), NFSM, etc., which were fully funded by Centre till 2015-16, are now being implemented making State Government bear 40 per cent share;

(c) whether Government is aware that this additional burden on the States has put States like Kerala, which are adopting organic agriculture, entail additional burden; and

(d) whether in this context, Centre will extend financial help to States on earlier rates for projects like RKVY, NFSM, RAD, etc.?

#### **Suicides by farmers in Madhya Pradesh**

\*144. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 19000 farmers committed suicides in Madhya Pradesh in the past fifteen years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to ease the distress situation of farmers; and

(c) the details of compensation paid to the family members of the victims who committed suicide?

#### **Computerization under Integrated Court Management Information System**

\*145. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court is considering to become paperless in phases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the first five Courts, each Judge will have a computer before him and the Judges will peruse fresh case files on the computer; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Integrated Court Management Information System was almost ready to help the apex court registry gear up towards implementing paperless objective, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reuse policy for resources of sick fertilizer units**

\*146. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any 'reuse policy' for the land and other resources of sick fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the detailed facts and data thereof;

(c) if not, the factual and explanatory reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the plan outlay and administrative barriers, if any, in this regard?

#### **Extension of jurisdiction of East Coast Railway**

\*147. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering for extension of the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway to include Banaspani-Padapahar, Rupsa-Bangirposi and Bhadrak-Laxmannath Road sections and to set up a new railway division with headquarters at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road; and

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

#### **Registration of rules/regulations made by Ministries**

\*148. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no system in place by Government for registering all the rules, regulations, etc., made by all Ministries under respective Acts at one place;

(b) if so, how is the work of rule and regulation framing being monitored in Government; and

(c) whether a Federal Registry is proposed to be made for this purpose where all the Ministries/Departments' rules and regulations would be entered at regular intervals?

#### **Redevelopment of major railway stations**

\*149. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any plan to redevelop major railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, how many countries have taken interest to participate in redeveloping the stations and the list of such stations;

(c) the amount involved in the development of each railway station over a period;

(d) whether vacant railway land, in and around stations, would be utilized for commercial purposes and business activities, if so, for what period;

(e) whether major stations in all Railway Zones will be covered; and

(f) if not, the efforts made to see that there is balanced development in the country?

#### **Implementation of Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices**

\*150. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices, announced in January, 2015, was to be made mandatory in six months but instead, there have been four extensions with the last one for an indefinite period;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is stalling it because of pressure from Pharma lobby; and

(c) if not, by when Government will make it mandatory so as to bar companies from bribing doctors, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 22nd July, 2017*  

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*Ashadha 31, 1939 (Saka)*

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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(Ministry-wise)

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