

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, August 4, 2017/Shravana 13, 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

#### Sanctioned work charged posts in Railways

\*211. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether work charged posts of  
officers in Railways are being utilised as  
revenue posts in zonal railways, especially  
in the newly created zones;

(b) whether all these work charged  
posts are currently sanctioned or officers  
are working on these posts beyond the  
sanctioned period, if so, the details of  
number of posts for which sanction has  
lapsed and the officers are still working  
thereon; and

(c) the steps being taken by the  
Ministry to convert the work charged  
posts, which are in existence for more than  
three years, to revenue posts?

#### Festive season rebate on handloom products

\*212. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:  
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme  
of offering 10 per cent rebate on handloom  
products during festive season was  
discontinued by the Ministry without any  
specific reason;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this  
move by the Ministry has affected the  
marketability of handloom products; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry will  
consider re-introducing the festive season  
rebate on handloom products?

#### Establishment of seed banks in Chhattisgarh

†\*213. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased  
to state:

(a) the details of the operational

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Government seed banks in Chhattisgarh, zone-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to establish and encourage the seed banks at district level, block-level and zonal level, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the position with regard to easy access of farmers to seed banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the result thereof and details of the success/failure of the programmes related thereto?

#### **Re-operationalising the Sindri fertilizer plant**

\*214. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the fertilizer plant at Sindri is likely to be re-operationalised;

(b) the details of further developments since November, 2016 with regard to removal of encroachments, based on FIR lodged and orders passed under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971; and

(c) whether any policy/plan has been proposed to take care of the descendants of land losers while commencing operations of said fertilizer plant?

#### **Levy of safety cess on train passengers**

†\*215. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to put additional burden on train passengers in the form of safety cess, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the number of times Government has increased the fare to make train journey easy and safe during the last three years, along with the results thereof?

#### **Deaths as a result of derailments**

\*216. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2013-14, despite 53 derailments, only 6 people had died, but in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, more than 250 trains got derailed and 330 deaths took place, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken by Railways to prevent such derailments in future?

#### **Availability of raw materials for antibiotic medicines**

\*217. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the raw materials for the formulation of antibiotic medicines in the country are being imported, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has taken/proposes to take any measures to ensure that raw materials for the formulation of antibiotic medicines are made available in the country; and

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

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**Problems faced by persons with disabilities during boarding/de-boarding of trains**

\*218. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received a number of requests/complaints from the persons with disabilities about the problems they face during boarding/de-boarding of trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the East Coast Railway has signed an MoU with any agency/organisation in this regard under the corporate social responsibility, if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans to augment various facilities at the railway stations for the convenience of disabled and elderly and if so, the details thereof?

**Suicides by farmers**

\*219. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of loan waivers by various State Governments, unfortunate incidents of suicides by farmers are taking place;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to study the various reasons compelling farmers to commit suicides; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to prevent suicides by farmers?

**Implementation of PMFBY**

\*220. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers benefited from the Government flagship programme of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the data related to compensation paid along with the premium collected by the insurance companies under this scheme in the last one year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, by Government to cover maximum number of farmers under this scheme?

**Disqualification of elected representatives by Election Commission**

†\*221. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Constitution grants rights to the Election Commission to disqualify an elected representative;

(b) whether, as per the Constitution, the Court and Election Commission have equal rights to disqualify an elected representative;

(c) whether any re-elected representative can be disqualified due to any matter relating to his earlier election and can be barred by Election Commission from casting vote in election; and

(d) whether the Election Commission's decision to disqualify and bar an elected representative from participating in election process can be a final decision?

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**Remunerative price for chilli growing farmers of Telangana**

\*222. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problems being faced by chilli growing farmers in Telangana have come to the notice of the Ministry;

(b) whether the Central Government is extending any monetary help to Andhra Pradesh to buy chillies, if so, the reasons for not extending the same to chilli growing farmers of Telangana;

(c) whether it has also come to the notice of the Ministry that farmers are getting arrested in Telangana for asking remunerative price; and

(d) the measures being taken by Central Government to rescue the farmers and also help them get remunerative price for chillies in Telangana?

**Steep hike in train fare**

\*223. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for steep hike in train fare;

(b) the reasons for Railways incurring losses along with the existing loss per month and how much loss will be recovered by hiking train fare;

(c) whether Railways will recover all losses by increasing the fare only; and

(d) whether Government is planning to change or provide new type of amenities/

facilities after raising train fare steeply, if so, the details thereof?

**Modernisation of Textile and Knitwear sector**

\*224. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to provide logistic and financial support to modernise Textile and Knitwear sector in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the list of textile and knitwear units selected for modernisation and upgradation, State-wise;

(c) the effective steps taken by Government to guard the interests of workers engaged in the sick textile units in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether Government has any special plans to involve corporate companies in rejuvenating the traditional textile industries through their commercial ventures and CSR funds, if so, the details thereof and the list of such corporate companies involved?

**Organic farming in North-East region**

\*225. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policies, programmes and projects for promotion of organic farming in the North-East region of the country;

(b) the details of funding under the scheme till date; and

(c) the details of achievements made in the agricultural economy of the region thereunder and the changes it has brought and to the farmers, State-wise?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 29th July, 2017*  

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*Shravana 7, 1939 (Saka)*

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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(Ministry-wise)

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