

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, December 3, 2021/ 12 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Commerce and Industry;
Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Electronics and
Information Technology; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food
Processing Industries; Heavy Industries; Railways; Textiles)

Total number of questions -- 15

Hyderabad Bengaluru Industrial Corridor

61 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative to speed up the work relating to Hyderabad Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has allotted any fund for this project with an aim to speed up and complete the project at the earliest;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

FAME India II scheme in Maharashtra

62 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) II scheme in the State of Maharashtra regarding EV charging stations, city-wise details thereof;
- (b) the current number of pending proposals with the Ministry, State-wise ; and
- (c) whether Government has proposed a distance limit between which there must be at least one EV charging station, if so, details thereof?

Railway projects in Odisha

63 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of various ongoing/pending railway projects in Odisha;
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects in a time bound manner;
- (c) whether Government of Odisha has proposed to bear some cost of the said projects for their timely completion and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Railways thereto;

- (d) the number of railway projects in Odisha for which survey has been conducted and approved but for which work is not underway as yet;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the efforts made by Government to speed up the work?

Procurement of rice from Telangana

64 Dr. K. Keshava Rao:

Will the Minister of ***Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government plans to procure entire rice irrespective of type from the State of Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of rice irrespective of type procured by the Central Government for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, State-wise ?

Financial assistance to farmers under PM-KISAN yojana

65 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers have got financial assistance under the schemes like Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) yojana ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, for the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether any test audit or survey has been done to ensure that the assistance reaches the intended beneficiaries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Manufacturing of semiconductors in the country

66 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps that have been taken by Government to design semiconductors in the country;
- (b) the budget allocation in the current year's budget for the above;
- (c) the steps that are envisaged for setting up Semiconductor Fabrication (FAB) facilities for manufacturing adequate amount of semiconductors in the country; and
- (d) whether Government is aware that setting up of such facilities is critical for AatmaNirbhar Bharat?

Increase in the income of farmers

67 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

Will the Minister of ***Agriculture and Farmers Welfare*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been no increase in the income of farmers in the country, especially in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the year 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the immediate measures Government proposes to take to increase the income of farmers in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in prices of essential commodities

68 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons behind unprecedented price rise of various essential food items, including mustard oil and pulses in the country;
- (b) the details of the rise and fall in the price of mustard oil during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the common man and the labour class are unable to eat enough two square meals due to high inflation; and
- (d) whether inflation is out of control due to amendment in the Essential Commodities Act, which gives the right of unlimited storage?

Operation Greens

69 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has documented any results of the extension of Operation Greens from Tomato Onion and Potato (TOP) crops to all, done on pilot basis, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the percentage increase/decrease in the total number of beneficiaries after the extension of the scheme from TOP crops to 41 notified horticulture crops (TOTAL), State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has established any grievance redressal system for the applicants under this scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Doubling farmers' income

70 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers' income has doubled in the country;
- (b) whether Government has focused on ensuring the participation of State Governments in this regard; and
- (c) the steps already taken by Government in this regard, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of States from PMFBY

71 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the view of Government on States withdrawing from Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);
- (b) whether reasons behind this trend is delay in settling the claims of farmers;
- (c) if so, the measures to address this and other issues resulting in withdrawal of States from the scheme;
- (d) whether coverage of the PMFBY has consistently come down from 30 percent (567.2 lakh hectares) in 2016-17 to 27 percent in 2018-19 and 25 percent (497 lakh hectares) in 2019-20; and
- (e) the present coverage and measures to address the issues plaguing the scheme?

Schemes for development of heavy industries

72 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

Will the Minister of **Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/ Union Territory-wise details of various schemes started for development of heavy industries in various States of the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government proposes to start any new schemes in Rajasthan in the near future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned in budget allocation for the year 2020 for the development of heavy industries?

Fare of privatized trains

73 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the fare of the privatized trains would be regularized by Government or would the private players have free hand;
- (b) the percentage increase of platform tickets as a consequence of privatisation drive in Railways;
- (c) the railway land sold during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise details with reasons;
- (d) whether State Governments were given first opportunity to purchase such Railway properties; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Irrigated land in the country

74 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 18.10 crore hectares of cultivable land in the country only 6.94 crore hectares of land is net irrigated;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that out of 1,27,77,000 hectares of cultivable land in Karnataka only 31,55,000 hectares of land is net irrigated;
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by the Ministry to increase irrigated land, with a particular reference to Karnataka;
- (d) whether any special assistance under 15th Finance Commission proposed for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Promoting alternatives to tobacco cultivation

75 Shri P. Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to promote alternatives to tobacco cultivation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of key schemes implemented by the Ministry to promote alternatives to tobacco cultivation, the details thereof?

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