

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, February 5, 2021/ 16 Magha, 1942 (Saka)

(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Commerce and Industry; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Panchayati Raj; Railways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship)

Total number of questions -- 15

Farmers demands on new farm laws

46 Shri Bikash Ranjan:

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

- (a) the reasons for not accepting the charter of demands of the farmers; and
- (b) the reasons for not repealing the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020?

Amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960

47 Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and make it more stringent to prevent the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals, especially after an elephant was suspected to have consumed a pineapple filled with powerful firecrackers which exploded in its mouth in the Silent Valley forest; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Cold storages for fish

48 Dr. Banda Prakash:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans for setting up of special cold storages under Atmanirbhar Bharat to store all varieties of fishes to be sold in all seasons in the country;
- (b) if so, by when Government would complete the setting up of the special cold storages for storing fish; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Fisheries Policy

49 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is formulating a draft National Fisheries Policy (NFP) to encourage fisheries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the quantum of funds proposed to be spent by Government in the coming years for the development of marine fisheries, aquaculture and mariculture under NFP?

Training to people who intend to set up business

50 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision to provide any type of training to help the people in establishing business, marketing and sales as part of setting up a new business after obtaining technical training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether any such provision is under consideration in the near future?

Targets and achievement in providing employment and self-employment

51 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets and achievement in providing employment and self-employment in the country under skill development and entrepreneurship programme;
- (b) the number of unemployed citizens who got employment, the State-wise and gender-wise details thereof; and
- (c) if the target is not achieved, the reasons for the same and the steps taken by the Ministry to meet the challenges?

Farmer suicides

52 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the most common reasons cited for farmer suicides in the country are related to debt burden and vagaries of farming; and
- (b) if so, the steps that have been taken in the last three years to ensure that the farmers do not fall into debt trap forcing them to commit suicide?

Spread of bird flu

53 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of ***Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that bird flu has spread in the world and also in the country;
- (b) the States that are affected by this disease and the number of birds that died due to it;
- (c) the precautionary measure taken to prevent it; and
- (d) its effect on meat industry and whether consumption of meat products is harmful for human health?

Fake beneficiaries under PM-KISAN pension scheme

54 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

- (a) whether many fake farmers who are getting benefits from PM-KISAN pension scheme have been identified in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such fake farmers identified, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken against those fake farmers; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve infrastructure in PM-KISAN pension scheme?

Moratorium on farmers' loans

55 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has announced moratorium on loans taken by farmers due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the number of farmers who availed this benefit, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are demands to increase the period of moratorium to one year; and
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry has taken any decision on this and if so, the details thereof?

Legal guarantee ensuring MSP to farmers

56 Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to implement a legal guarantee ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers on their crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures Government would undertake to prevent procurement outside mandis below the MSP; and
- (d) the steps Government would take in the cases of procurement below the MSP outside mandis?

Establishment of Visakhapatnam Railway Zone

57 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the present status of establishment of Visakhapatnam Railway Zone;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted recommending retention of Vizag Division with areas falling in Andhra Pradesh remaining under it, without additional cost implications;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry has accepted the revised DPR;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) by when Visakhapatnam Railway Zone would become operational?

Delimitation of Development Blocks

58 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:

Will the Minister of ***Panchayati Raj*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government would carry out delimitation of Development Blocks;

- (b) if so, by when;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the number of occasions when delimitation of Development Blocks has been carried out?

Decisions taken to increase the farmers' income

59 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) the list of important decisions taken by Government to increase the income of farmers during the last three years; and
- (b) the changes brought about in the lives of farmers due to these decisions, the details thereof?

Beneficiaries under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana

60 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries in the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, State-wise;
- (b) the total amount transferred to the beneficiaries under this Scheme, State-wise; and
- (c) whether there are any other similar programmes initiated by the States that complements this programme, if so, the details thereof?

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