

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, December 10, 2021/ 19 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

Domestic production of electronic hardware

136 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the total domestic production of electronic hardware including semiconductors in the last five years;
- (b) the total import and export of semiconductors in India in the last three years;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to boost the manufacturing of semiconductors in India amidst a global shortage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has any proposals to boost the manufacturing of small and medium electronic components and semiconductors under a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

CONCOR disinvestment

137 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR) has the largest network of inland containers depots / container freight stations in India and can be expanded to cover management of ports, air cargo complexes and establishing cold chain ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has started the process of disinvesting this important PSU and hence losing its management control; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Industrial nodes in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

138 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the industrial nodes (cities) identified under various Industrial Corridors in Andhra

Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the status of development of each industrial node like detailed master planning, preliminary engineering, etc.;

(c) the present status of nodes with regard to identification of land, formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), transfer of land to SPV, infrastructure development etc.;

(d) the cost estimates for various infrastructure components along with contribution from Central Government for different nodes;

(e) the sanction status of funds released for each node; and

(f) the employment potential of each node?

Railway stations shutdown during lockdown

139 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many railway stations were shut during lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the future plans for such railway stations;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there are many places in the country where railway land has been encroached by poor people for staying; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railway for their evacuation and settlement for these poor people?

Compensation for crop loss due to hailstorm and natural calamities

140 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

(a) the quantum of crop loss due to hailstorm and other natural calamities in many States of the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2020-21;

(b) the amount paid by Government in the year 2020-21 to compensate for the crop loss to the farmers; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

Procurement of maize at MSP in Madhya Pradesh

141 # Shri Digvijaya Singh:

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

(a) the quantity of maize procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the total amount of maize produced in Madhya Pradesh in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22; and

(b) the percentage of maize procured at MSP out of the total production?

Technical assistance and training to women farmers

142 # Shri Brijlal:

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

(a) the number of female farmers in the country;

(b) whether Government has provided any technical assistance, training or any other kind of assistance to female farmers using that data and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, whether any such scheme which provides benefits to female farmers is under consideration, if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Consumer Protection Act, 2019

143 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that under the e-commerce rules notified under Consumer Protection Act, 2019, all e-commerce entities have been mandated to incorporate as a company; and
(b) if so, the reason for excluding proprietorship, Hindu Undivided Families (HUF) and partnerships to sell goods online?

Rise in the prices of essential commodities

144 **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

a) whether Government is aware that price of tomato has reached upto ₹ 100/- per kg in retail market;
b) if so, the reasons therefor;
c) whether price of other essential items like vegetables and edible oils are also skyrocketing and are now beyond the purchasing power of the common people;
d) if so, the details thereof for the month of November, 2021 and reasons therefor; and
e) the steps taken to contain the price rise?

Funding of Startups at seed stage

145 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

(a) the number of Startups funded at the seed stage during the last five years;
(b) the details of allocation of funds, year-wise;
(c) the details of progress and current financial viability of these Startups; and
(d) the number of Startups funded at the seed stage in the year 2021-22?

Acquisition of land in Goa for double tracking

146 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

(a) the land in each category - private, Government, forest already acquired for the purpose of double tracking of railway lines in Goa;
(b) the land in each category proposed to be acquired for double tracking of railway lines in Goa;
(c) the procedure adopted for surveying and assessing the land, obtaining owner consent and ensuring payment of compensation; and
(d) at what rate compensation has been calculated and how much compensation has been paid so far?

Hate mongering on social media

147 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

(a) whether Government has noticed reports regarding “adversarial harmful networks – India case study” released by Facebook whistleblowers;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the grave social issues that can be created due to the hate mongering on social media; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Transportation of oxygen by Railways

148 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) the quantum of oxygen transported by Railways during COVID-19 pandemic, the details thereof;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred on such transport; and
- (c) the benefits achieved because of this initiative?

Rehabilitation and financial support to farmers

149 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government has proposals for providing financial support and rehabilitation to those farmers and their families who were affected during COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) whether Government has proposals to facilitate remunerative prices for farmers through competitive alternative trading channels;
- (c) whether Government has taken initiatives for waiving off of interest on farm loans, increased disbursement of farm loans including waiver of premium on crop insurance due to COVID-19 crisis;
- (d) whether Government has plans to encourage small holding agriculturists, linking them with markets, value chains and generating employment; and
- (e) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Revival of textile industry

150 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) whether there is any provision for rehabilitation of textile industry;
- (b) whether there is any special plan or revival policy for textile industry; and
- (c) the schemes and programmes proposed to be implemented for promotion of textile industry?

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