Rajya Sabha List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Friday, December 17, 2021/26 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)

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Assessment of problems in textiles sector

211 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the existing problems being faced by textile sector in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to strengthen the textile sector and the schemes launched in this regard; and
- (c) the estimated annual growth rate of the textile sector at present?

Efficacy of Internet Exchanges for increasing internet speed

212 # Shri Anil Baluni:

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

- (a) the effectiveness of Internet Exchanges in increasing the internet speed, the details thereof:
- (b) the number of Internet Exchanges installed till date, the details thereof; and
- (c) the scheme to expand it further, the details thereof?

Nationwide integrated system for dealing with cyber attacks

213 # Shri Samir Oraon:

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

- (a) whether a nationwide integrated or co-ordinating system of the concerned Departments/Ministries has been developed to deal with cyber attacks;
- (b) if not, whether the requirement of the same is being felt:
- (c) whether an effective technology has been developed to ward off these attacks; and
- (d) whether an effective technology has been developed by the Ministry to prevent frauds through mobile phones which would identify such portals/persons/organizations and investigate them properly and take action under appropriate laws/sections?

Utilization of funds under different schemes

214 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) the allocation and utilisation of funds under different schemes of the Ministry all over the country, during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether some proposals for farmers' welfare received from the States are pending with the Central Government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

National Rail Plan, Vision 2024

215 Shri Avodhva Rami Reddy Alla:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 'Vision 2024' has been launched as part of the National Rail Plan (NRP), for accelerated implementation of certain critical projects by 2024 to develop capacity, infrastructure and enhance rail freight share ahead of the demand and to develop capacity by 2030 that will cater to growing demand up to 2050; and
- (b) the status of the implementation of this National Rail Plan, Vision 2024?

Plans to mitigate problems of farmers in Andhra Pradesh

216 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that 93.2 per cent of farming families in the State of Andhra Pradesh are under debt due to which State of Andhra Pradesh is ranking 2nd in tenant farmers' suicide and 3rd in farmers' suicide in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan/scheme to mitigate the miseries of the farmers in the State of Andhra Pradesh:
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Industrial Corridors in Tamil Nadu

217 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the details of Industrial Corridors including Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) and Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) being developed in the country;
- (b) the details of amount allocated, released and spent on the development of these corridors, especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the status and schedule of completion of these corridors, the details thereof?

Rising profits of private players in railway works

218 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the profits of the private sector in the works outsourced to them by the Railways is continuously rising;
- (b) the details of the works being outsourced by the Railways to the private sector; and
- (c) the details of cost incurred and income generated by private sector in such works in the

last five years?

Decline in production of paddy

219 Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:

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

- (a) the production of paddy in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether production of paddy has declined in the country during the current year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures being taken by Government to increase the production of paddy?

Upgradation of railway stations in Tamil Nadu

220 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) the details and number of railway stations upgraded so far in the State of Tamil Nadu, under Adarsh Station Scheme;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under this scheme in the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of amenities and facilities provided/likely to be provided at these stations; and
- (d) the present status of work and by when, the upgradation works will be completed?

Modern dairy farms under DEDS

221 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to set up modern dairy farms under Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether milk processing units have been setup at the village level under DEDS, if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Industrial development in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

222 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to promote industrial development in the hill States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of sanctioned funds along with the targets set in this regard, State-wise; and
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to promote industrial development in said States?

Exports in food processing industry

223 # Shri Hardwar Dubey:

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

- (a) the percentage share of agro-foods and processing industry in the exports;
- (b) the efforts being made to ensure global food quality standards in light of the high standards set by the developed countries for import of food products; and
- (c) the policy of Government with regard to creation of a conducive environment for

promoting export of processed food?

Coverage under TPDS

224 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) the criteria adopted to cover population under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS):
- (b) whether it is a fact that the national average of TPDS coverage is 75 per cent of rural population and 50 per cent of urban population; and
- (c) if so, the reasons that only 60 per cent population is covered in rural areas and 40 per cent in urban areas in Andhra Pradesh and the corrective steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

Setting up of modern spinning mill in Kalahandi district

225 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) whether any steps are being taken by the Ministry to set up a modern spinning mill in Kalahandi district where good quality cotton is produced in over 60,000 hectares; and
- (b) if not, whether the Ministry is considering setting up a modern spinning mill in Kalahandi?

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P. C. Mody, Secretary-General.

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