

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, December 21, 2018/Agrahayana 30, 1940 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers;  
Coal; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;  
Electronics and Information Technology; Food Processing Industries;  
Law and Justice; Railways; Statistics and Programme Implementation)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Non-settlement of claims under Insurance schemes**

\*121. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the premium collected by the 17 insurance companies empanelled under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) against their payouts to claims in past three years;

(b) the premium collected by the insurance companies under the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme against their compensation to claims in the past three years;

(c) whether insurance companies are not settling claims in time, despite bad weather and extreme climatic conditions affecting farmers in various places; and

(d) whether there is an audit/monitoring

provision to be done by the CAG for claims settled by the private companies under these insurance schemes?

#### **Poor mobile connectivity in villages of South Gujarat**

†\*122. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages in various districts of South Gujarat are deprived of mobile services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that mobile connectivity is unsatisfactory in South Gujarat and in some places, there is no connectivity at all; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon and the steps taken by Government for its improvement?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Denial of ration due to authentication failure**

\*123. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is cognizant of deaths due to under-nutrition or starvation, if so, the details for last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that in many cases, the victim could not avail ration because of Aadhaar-related failures;

(c) whether UIDAI had issued exemption Circular in October, 2017 to ensure that no beneficiary is denied entitlement due to authentication failures;

(d) if so, the list of exemption mechanisms, State-wise;

(e) the number of beneficiaries who availed these exemptions, State-wise, since 2017; and

(f) the action taken in cases where entitlement was denied for Aadhaar-related reasons?

**Proliferation of fake videos regarding safety and quality of food**

\*124. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has written to the Ministry expressing concern over the proliferation of fake videos and messages on social media that spread rumour on the safety and quality of food available in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to put in place any mechanism to target such fake videos and messages so that action can be taken against people for circulating such fake videos and messages?

**Awareness and benefits of Aadhaar**

\*125. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by UIDAI on information, education and communication (IEC) activities to generate awareness and convey and benefits of Aadhaar to the residents, the details thereof; and

(b) the corresponding list of agencies hired and the values of contracts for these activities?

**Rotting of foodgrains**

†\*126. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains that rotted in Government godowns from April, 2014 to March, 2018 and the officials found responsible for the same;

(b) the reasons for the rotting of foodgrains;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the foodgrains from rotting in future; and

(d) whether Government would take steps to prevent the foodgrains from getting wet at the foodgrains procurement centres, if so, by when?

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**Subsidy to fix transponder in fishing boats**

\*127. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to provide financial assistance to the Tamil Nadu fishermen by extending the subsidy to fix transponders in boats to prevent them from violating international maritime borders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Bringing processing and cold chain infrastructure under PSL**

\*128. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has brought food and agro-based processing units and cold chain infrastructure under the ambit of Priority Sector Lending (PSL);

(b) if so, its impact so far; and

(c) whether there has been any impact assessment study of this measure?

**Production of Asafoetida**

†\*129. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no production of Asafoetida in the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government for its production and the States where production of Asafoetida is being considered upon; and

(c) the names of the countries from where Asafoetida has been imported by Government during the last three years along with the quantity thereof?

**Visakhapatnam-Yeshvantpur Tatkal Fare Special Train**

\*130. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam-Yeshvantpur Tatkal Fare Special Train, which runs once in a week, has been discontinued;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the occupancy of this train is more than 140 per cent; and

(c) if so, the reasons for stopping this train and by when Railways are going to restart this train?

**Constitution of new railway zone in Andhra Pradesh**

\*131. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Schedule XIII), Government has to constitute a new Railway Zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status thereof?

**Prevalence of fake fertilizers**

\*132. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fake/duplicate

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fertilizers that has been seized in the last ten years;

(b) the number of farmers that have been affected by such fertilizers;

(c) the number of complaints that have been lodged against fertilizer companies for supplying fake fertilizers;

(d) the action taken against them; and

(e) whether any cases of farmer's suicide have been registered due to use of fake fertilizers, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rise in coal imports**

\*133. SHRIN. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's coal imports rose by 7.9 per cent to 134.46 million tonnes in the first seven months of the current fiscal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country's thermal coal demand remained buoyant due to the coal shortage in the power sector; and

(c) whether it is also fact that there was a 6.8 per cent drop in coal and coke imports in October as compared to 19.77 million tonnes imported during the same month last financial year?

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*The 15th December, 2018*  
*Agrahayana 24, 1940 (Saka)*

#### **Fast tracking of cases against law-makers**

\*134. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked States to fast track serious cases against current and former lawmakers to maintain purity of the electoral process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many cases are pending against current legislators and former lawmakers; and

(d) by when charges would be framed against them?

#### **Transportation of coal through Railways**

\*135. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country would need 615 million tonnes of coal in 2018-19 and that would require State-run Coal India Limited to send average 288 rakes per day through Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that average overall loading has been 270.8 rakes per day, as on October 21, 2018;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there would be a spurt in demand of coal transport through Railways only; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that coal supply through road is unlikely to increase significantly?

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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