

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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**(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 -- 160

**Delay in settlement of claims under PMFBY**

**641 Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether there is a record of the number of farmers registered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof from the year 2019 till date, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is data on the average time taken for paying the claims to farmers and the delay in the same;
- (d) if so, the reasons identified for these delays; and
- (e) the steps being taken to address these delays?

**Benefits of MSP to farmers**

**642 Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that unlike salaried people whose salary increases over time, farm incomes do not remain protected with rise in inflation and input costs and living costs continue to increase;
- (b) if so, the steps Government would take to safeguard the interest of farmers;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) has not reached to all the farmers besides the business men who are taking benefits of MSP; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which Government would achieve its goal of doubling the income of farmers?

**Shortage of fertilizers**

**643 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether farmers in the country are facing shortage of fertilizers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps Government has taken to overcome the shortage of fertilizers in the country

and whether any advisory has been issued to different State Governments, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Assistance to poor farmers to address COVID-19 pandemic**

**644 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to consider giving financial assistance to poor farmers in the light of COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether adequate medical facilities have been extended to the farmers and their families so that they do not feel neglected, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Promoting Start Ups in agriculture sector**

**645 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conceived any scheme to promote Start Ups in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Damage to crops due to unseasonal rains**

**646 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to unseasonal rains there has been heavy damage to crops in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to help the farmers; and
- (c) whether special economic assistance would be provided to concerned State Governments in this regard?

#### **Implementation of seed related schemes**

**647 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken to make available quality seeds to farmers under various schemes like National Food Security Mission etc.;
- b) whether financial assistance is provided for seed related activities for the welfare of farmers; and
- c) if so, the amount disbursed under various seeds related schemes during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Production of palm oil and oilseeds in the country**

**648 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of palm oil and oil seeds acreage in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the aims and objectives of National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm announced recently by Government;
- (c) the plans that Government has to balance imports of palm oil which is 98 per cent and push in domestic production and productivity in view of not so favourable conditions in the

country like Indonesia and Malaysia; and

(d) the area going to be covered under the scheme, State-wise?

### **Health care schemes for agricultural workers**

649 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

(a) whether there is any health care scheme provided by the Central Government to agricultural workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any States have also implemented health care schemes for the agricultural workers; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes of each State?

### **Increase in farmers' suicides**

650 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an increase of 18 per cent was witnessed in suicides in 2020 when compared with 2019, among agricultural labourers in agriculture sector; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government for victim's family members' livelihood?

### **Adoption of Zero Budget Natural Farming**

651 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

(a) whether Government has proposed a detailed economic and agricultural plan for the adoption of Zero Budget Natural Farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total expenditure of Government in the promotion of Zero Budget Natural Farming in the financial year 2020-21?

### **Crop insurance by farmers during 2020-21**

652 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

(a) the percentage of farmers who got their crops insured in the country during 2020-21;

(b) the percentage of farmer families in the country particularly those of Uttar Pradesh who got their paddy crops insured during 2020-21;

(c) whether any campaign is being run by Government to inform the farmers/spread awareness among them about the benefits of crop insurance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Lack of storage facilities for agricultural produces**

653 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

**Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken note that farmers are facing innumerable difficulties for want of proper storage facilities to store their agricultural produces;

(b) if so, details thereof and the measures taken thereon;

- (c) whether any State Government has made any proposals for increase of storage facilities in their States to stock the agriculture produce, if so, details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to give any interest-free loans for construction of sufficient godowns for the purpose of storing agricultural produce; and
- (e) the measures being taken by Government for increasing the storage facilities in country in view of demands of farmers, if so, details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Promotion of use of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides**

**654 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- a) whether Government proposes to promote the use of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides in agriculture;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the volume of increase achieved in use of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides during the last three years;
- d) the course of action chalked out by Government to augment the use of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides in the country; and
- e) the steps being taken to curtail the use of chemicals and promote the use of bio-fertilizers in agriculture?

#### **Impact of climate change on agriculture**

**655 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

**Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to find out the impact of climate change on agriculture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any initiative to conduct research to enhance resilience of Indian agriculture to climate change; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

#### **Failure of transactions under PM-KISAN scheme**

**656 Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) the total number of PM-KISAN scheme transactions that have taken place since its launch till November, 2021 in Assam, month-wise;
- (b) the total number of PM-KISAN scheme transactions which have failed, since its launch till November 2021 in Assam, month-wise;
- (c) whether Government has identified the reasons for failed transactions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure that beneficiaries receive their payment in situations where transactions have failed?

#### **Doubling farmers' income**

**657 Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) whether Government is on track to achieve the target of doubling farmers' income that

- they promised in 2015-16;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;  
 (c) the details of farmers' income from 2016-17 to 2020-21 in both constant price and current price, State-wise; and  
 (d) the details of average income of farmers in Assam from 2016-17 to 2020-21, district-wise?

#### **Policy reforms for poor and marginal farmers to earn more income**

658 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

**Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

**Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that according to a report titled Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019, most small and marginal rural households are now earning their livelihoods as wage labourers than from farming;  
 (b) if so, reasons therefor;  
 (c) whether according to report, share of poor and marginal farmers to total farmers has expanded;  
 (d) if so, details thereof; and  
 (e) the steps taken by Government to prioritise policy reforms that help the earning of farmers who are largely dependent on farming for their income and prevent them from becoming wage labourers?

#### **Cultivation of exotic fruit crops**

659 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether Government has identified 10 globally popular exotic fruit crops of commercial importance;  
 (b) if so, the details of exotic fruits identified by Government; and  
 (c) whether Government has plans to encourage farmers to promote cultivation of those fruits and if so, to what extent State of Gujarat would be benefited from such cultivation?

#### **Establishment of Central Agricultural University in Andhra Pradesh**

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

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

- (a) whether a Central Agricultural University was to be established in Andhra Pradesh as per Schedule XIII of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;  
 (b) reasons for not establishing such university so far;  
 (c) whether there was a request received from previous Andhra Pradesh State Government for not establishing such Central Agricultural University there;  
 (d) if so, reasons that were given by that State Government;  
 (e) whether non-establishment of that University is not a violation of provisions of Act;  
 (f) whether Ministry would establish a Central Agricultural University, if State Government now makes a request; and  
 (g) if not, reasons therefor?

### **Production and availability of organic manure**

661 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any action plan to increase production and availability of organic manure and to encourage farmers for its utilization; and
- (b) if so, the outline of this action plan and the amount approved by Government for financial expenses?

### **Digitalisation of agricultural sector**

662 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to enable digitalisation of agricultural sector in the country and promote agri-tech business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the total budget allocated for the same;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure that the benefits of digitalisation reach the farmers in a fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory manner;
- (e) whether Government has implemented any schemes for training of farmers in respect of such digitalisation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

### **Action plan for MIDH beneficiaries**

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

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

- (a) whether attention is given to setting specific targets for SC/ST/women beneficiaries while deciding the Annual Action Plan by the executive Committee of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH); and
- (b) if so, the details of the beneficiaries along with the amount spent on them, State-wise?

### **Promoting FIGs, FPOs and Producer Unions under MIDH**

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

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

- (a) the steps being taken to promote and strengthen Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Producer Unions under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH); and
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise along with the number of beneficiaries?

### **Average incomes and debt burden on farmer households**

665 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) the average monthly earnings from cultivation for a farm household, during last five years;
- (b) whether these earnings have increased/decreased in the last five years, when the values are adjusted for inflation;
- (c) the percentage of farmer households that have been lifted out of debt burden in the last five years in different States;

- (d) whether Government has examined the relationship between farmers' debts and farmers' suicides; and  
 (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Enrollment under PMFBY**

666 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- a) the total number of farmers covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) since its inception, year-wise and State/UT wise;  
 b) the details of premium collected and the amount of insurance claimed under the scheme since its inception, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and  
 c) the details of insurance companies registered under PMFBY and claims paid by each of them since launch of the Scheme, company-wise and year-wise?

### **Farmers' demands on New Farm Laws**

667 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of talks held with the Farmer Unions for the three Farm Acts namely the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce Act, 2020, Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020;  
 (b) whether any specific proposals to meet the demands of farmers are being discussed by Government and if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether there is any proposal to provide legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP) by amending the new farm laws; and  
 (d) whether Government is inclined to repeal the three farm laws and if so, the details thereof?

### **Allocation of funds under NFSM commercial crops (cotton) to Odisha**

668 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has any plan to open a branch at Bhawanipatna, the epicentre of cotton production in Odisha, for Minimum Support Price (MSP) support for the benefit of cotton growing farmers;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (c) whether the Ministry would take steps for release of funds and enhancing allocation to Odisha under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) - Commercial Crops (Cotton), if so, the details thereof?

### **Sustainable agricultural practices**

669 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether there is a Government policy towards diversifying agriculture and related activities;  
 (b) the approach towards addressing the issue of unsustainable levels of groundwater, particularly in the States of Punjab and Haryana due to reckless exploitation of groundwater;

- (c) whether Government intends to look beyond wheat and rice towards bio crops; and
- (d) if so, the possible route in this direction and how must farmers be made aware of practices of sustainable agriculture?

### **Failure of transaction under PM-KISAN Yojana**

**670 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- a) the data of failed payment transfer under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana for the years 2019-20 till date, State-wise;
- b) the steps being taken to avoid failure of transaction under the Yojana;
- c) the data of failed transfers that have not been resolved till date, including the number and value of such pending failed transactions in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise; and
- d) whether PM-KISAN benefits have been withheld due to lack of Aadhar and if so, the details thereof?

### **Revival of agricultural extension scheme**

**671 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether small and marginal farmers are unable to avail full benefits of modern agricultural technology and various special schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of the States/regions/sectors which are not getting these benefits;
- (c) whether Government has identified the sectors which are using old and outdated technology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Agriculture Institutes/Universities have played any role in revival of agricultural extension schemes for providing relevant information/knowledge, particularly to the small and marginal farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

### **Implementation of PM-KISAN Yojana**

**672 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana since its inception in 2019, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (b) the details of any complaints/irregularities received if any, Centre and State-wise?

### **Implementation of new Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

**673 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of the new Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the Country, State-wise, including Maharashtra for development of agriculture during the last five years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the achievements made under these schemes during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent on these schemes during the said period;

- (d) whether Government has analysed the reasons for delay in implementation of agricultural development work and agricultural schemes; and  
 (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Implementation of PMFBY in Chhattisgarh**

674 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) the total amount of premium collected in Chhattisgarh under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during last five years, year-wise;  
 (b) the total value of claims made by the farmers in the said State and the total value of claims lying pending;  
 (c) the average time taken in the settlement of such claims; and  
 (d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the payment of claims under PMFBY?

### **Role of Price Stabilisation Fund in enhancing farmers' income**

675 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether policy measure of markets intervention has also been implemented by Government with a view to enhance the income of farmers in which the setting up of a Price Stabilisation Fund has been included prominently;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether the Price Stabilisation Fund is proving successful in enhancing income of farmers and keeping it unaffected in the case of decrease in price of agricultural produces; and  
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Implementation of Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material Scheme in Maharashtra**

676 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) the details of allocation made under Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material Scheme in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;  
 (b) the details of allocation, releases and expenditure made of the above allocation during the last three years, year-wise; and  
 (c) the number of farmers benefitted from this scheme in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

### **Establishment of FPOs**

677 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether any Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) has been formed between 2019-20 and 2020-21, if so the details thereof, district-wise;  
 (b) whether any Credit Guarantee Fund (CGF) has been created to finance project loan of FPOs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries under FPOs, the details thereof?

### **Steps taken to increase India's share in world exports**

**678 Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to increase the country's share of exports as India's share in world exports was around 2 per cent in the year 2018, the details thereof;
- (b) the incentives being provided to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector to increase export production and how much benefits have been given to the sector in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to reduce the timeline in processing of export and Import and the shipping cost, including port charges, in ports owned by private players?

### **Pendency of MEIS and RoDTEP issues in the Ministry**

**679 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) claims for 2020-21 and Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) issues related to fixing price, refund are pending in the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for pendency; and
- (c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to expedite these issues?

### **New e-Commerce rules**

**680 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government has drafted new e-Commerce rules in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which it would be helpful in safeguarding the interests of local retail shops?

### **Early completion of Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor**

**681 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has fixed any time frame to complete the Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has earmarked any hefty fund allocation to complete the project at the earliest;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Training for promotion of ODOP**

**682 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to start some specialized training programmes, particularly for women, for promoting the concept of 'One District One Product' (ODOP);

and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Construction of 5-star hotel at Pragati Maidan**

**683 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has prepared a plan to build a 5-star hotel at Pragati Maidan;
- (b) whether its construction has started; and
- (c) if so, the present status of its construction?

### **Investment by foreign companies**

**684 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether any reformative efforts have been taken by Government to attract investment by foreign companies and setting up trading units in India;
- (b) if so, the efforts made towards this and the sectors in which said efforts have been made;
- (c) whether Government is currently taking steps or proposes to take steps in this direction; and
- (d) if so, the details of possible measures for attracting foreign investment in the country?

### **Increase in import of pulses**

**685 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) whether the import of pulses has increased exorbitantly in the country during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the country-wise quantum of pulses imported during each of the last five years including the current year?

### **Share of exports in annual GDP**

**686 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the details of share of exports in the annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the last five years including the current year;
- (b) whether the share of exports in GDP is witnessing a declining trend;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the annual rate of growth of exports and the corresponding annual rate of growth of GDP for the last five years including the current year?

### **Consolidation of trading relationship with USA**

**687 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that USA is becoming the largest trading partner with India;
- (b) how the Ministry looks at this positive outcome since China cannot be relied upon, be it

relating to supplies or quality or price;

(c) the efforts being made to consolidate this relationship with USA;

(d) whether it is also a fact that trade with Australia, UAE and Belgium has also gone up in the first nine months of this year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Share of Andhra Pradesh in exports**

**688 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

(a) the share of Andhra Pradesh in exports (merchandise and services) during the last five years, year-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is dominating aqua exports from the country;

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to push in aqua exports under Act East Policy and the incentives, etc., to Andhra Pradesh for scaling up its exports; and

(d) the assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme during the last five years, year-wise?

### **Share of agri-exports in GDP**

**689 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

(a) the annual amount of money generated from agri-exports in the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the total contribution of agri-exports to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) over the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the most exported agricultural products over the last five years;

(d) whether there has been a decline in total agri-exports over the last five years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government to boost exports?

### **Trade with China**

**690 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

**Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

(a) the year-wise details of imports from China from Financial Year 2016-17 to 2021-22;

(b) the year-wise details of exports to China from Financial Year 2016-17 to 2021-22;

(c) whether imports from China have increased in the last five years;

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

(e) whether the exports to China have declined in the last five years; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government to increase exports and decrease imports with regard to China?

### **National Retail Policy**

**691 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

(a) whether there is a need to streamline the retail trade and provide/ensure the ease of doing business in the country in order to benefit both the traders and the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate National Retail Policy in this regard and if

so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the National Retail Policy is likely to come into existence?

### **Monitoring the outcomes of trade fairs organised by ITPO**

692 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

(a) the total number of international fairs organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) in the country and abroad in the last five years;

(b) the total number of small and medium enterprises involved in the initiatives of ITPO in the last five years, the details thereof;

(c) whether ITPO has established any framework to monitor the outcomes of trade fairs and benefits made to the Indian enterprises; and

(d) whether ITPO has involved State Governments in its initiatives in the last two years, the details thereof, Maharashtra in particular?

### **Boosting of agricultural exports**

693 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

(a) whether Government has been in the process of boosting agricultural exports with a view to double their income;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the facilities being provided to the farmers and incentives and sops given to them for this purpose, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to educate the farmers with a view to make them participate in exports and boost their agriculture exports?

### **Impact of COVID-19 on tea garden workers**

694 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

(a) whether Government maintains data on the number of tea garden workers in the North East region;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/district/gender-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has conducted an assessment of the economic impact of COVID-19 on tea garden workers in Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has or intends to provide economic relief to tea garden workers in the light of COVID-19; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Basmati Export Development Foundation**

695 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

(a) whether Basmati Export Development Foundation is working to increase production, processing and export of basmati rice;

(b) whether any plan to establish such institution for the development of any other varieties of rice is under consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**‘Polluter Pays’ principle for fisheries sector in WTO talks**

696 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced the 'Polluter Pays' principle in the text of the negotiations at World Trade Organisation (WTO) for the fisheries sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to safeguard the domestic fisheries sector against the heavily subsidized high sea fishing by developed countries?

**GI tag for produces from Bihar**

697 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Geographical Indicator (GI) tag has been registered for Jardalu Mango, Katarni Rice, Magahi Paan and Shahi Litchi of Bihar;
- (b) the reasons for GI tag not yet been issued for registration of 'Mithila Makhana' despite 'Mithilanchal Makhana Producer Federation' presenting the same to Geographical Indicator Registry, Chennai on September 11, 2020; and
- (c) by when GI tag would be granted to it as 90 per cent of country's makhana production is in Bihar?

**Disbursement of Jeevan Pramaan Patra through Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks**

698 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether Jeevan Pramaan Patra have been disbursed by Government using the network of Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks in the country, if so, the details including quantum thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) whether Government plans to use their network to offer more doorstep facilities in the future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**PLI Scheme for telecom operators**

699 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government announced Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for telecom operators;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which it would be helpful to encourage local manufacturing of telecom equipment in the country?

**Key features of National Broadband Mission**

700 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the key features of National Broadband Mission initiated by Government throughout the country and the details of the targets set under this Mission;
- (b) the State/UT-wise, particularly Rajasthan, quantum of funds allocated by Government under the said Mission;
- (c) the number of districts in Rajasthan likely to be included in this Mission; and

(d) whether fast-track connectivity amongst the villages of Dausa district has been proposed by Government under this Mission, if so, the details thereof?

### **Moratorium to telecom sector**

**701 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the manner in which giving lifeline to telecom sector through moratorium on their dues help the crippling sector;
- (b) the efforts being made by the Ministry to have multiple companies in place of present duopoly; and
- (c) the details of structural reforms and procedural reforms that the Ministry proposed for this sector?

### **Telecommunication facilities in Andhra Pradesh**

**702 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are 1800 villages in Andhra Pradesh which are deprived of telecommunication facilities;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Visakhapatnam district has the highest number of villages (1100) which do not have telecommunication facilities; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether any target has been fixed by the Ministry to cover all these 1100 and the remaining 600 villages in 12 other districts for being covered with telecommunication facilities?

### **Pending dues to BSNL**

**703 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that dues worth ₹ 30,000 crore are owed by Government to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to revive and expand BSNL in view of the rapid growth of private companies in the telecom sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government proposes to privatize BSNL; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

### **Installation target of mobile towers**

**704 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the installation target of mobile towers across the country vis-a-vis mobile towers actually installed under the National Broadband Mission;
- (b) the reasons for very slow progress in installation of mobile towers, especially in cities and towns; and
- (c) the time by which the broadband access is likely to be provided to all the villages across the country and particularly in Punjab?

### Mobile services in villages

705 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced mobile services in all the villages of the country till date, if not, the reasons therefor and by when the mobile services would be started in all the villages of the country; and
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of the villages?

### Bharat Broadband Network

706 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the coverage of the rural broadband project Bharat Broadband Network since its inception in terms of variety of uses, quantum of area covered and the number of persons benefitted;
- (b) the break up of usage of funds allocated for this scheme;
- (c) the targets set for future progress and expansion of this scheme, as well as the timeline and budget allocation proposed for it; and
- (d) the details thereof?

### Telecom and internet shutdowns

707 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the number of telecom and internet shutdowns that have been put in place under the Telecom Suspension Rules, State-wise, in the last three years;
- (b) the average duration of these telecom and internet shutdowns;
- (c) the proportion of different reasons for which internet shutdowns have taken place;
- (d) the different ranks of authorities which have authorised telecom and internet shutdowns; and
- (e) the details thereof?

### Ration to disabled persons

708 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) the number of persons with disabilities who were provided ration under PDS during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) the number of persons with disabilities covered under PDS?

### Starvation in the country

709 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Global Hunger Index report 2021 placed India at 101 position among 116 countries way behind, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan despite tonnes and tonnes of our foodgrains and vegetables go waste;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

- (c) whether it is also a fact that around 19 crore people in the country are still compelled to sleep every day without a morsel of food and if so, reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has no plan to extend the free ration scheme despite these kind of reports, if so, reasons therefor?

### **Procurement of paddy**

**710 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the target and actual procurement of paddy in the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) of 2018, 2019 and in 2020, State-wise;
- (b) the target fixed for procurement of paddy for KMS 2021-22, State-wise; and
- (c) the actual procurement of paddy already done for KMS 2021-22 as on date, State-wise, the details thereof, B

### **Special scheme for food kits during lockdown**

**711 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the quantity of foodgrains supplied to the States, since the first lockdown;
- (b) whether the Central Government has implemented any special scheme to provide food kits to people during the lockdown;
- (c) if so, the data of beneficiaries, State-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any step taken by Government since the first lockdown to ensure food for the people without ration card?

### **Rise in the prices of essential commodities**

**712 Shri Anand Sharma:**

**Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of commodities including foodgrains, pulses, tomato and edible oils, particularly mustard oil, have increased sharply resulting in consumer inflation in recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to control inflation along with the advisories issued to States to check the stock limit of these items by the traders beyond the certain capacity?

### **Feasibility of ePoS installed at PDS shops**

**713 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to install biometric sensors at all PDS shops in the country as a part of One Nation One Ration Card scheme;
- (b) if so, the measures taken to ensure COVID appropriate behaviour in this regard;
- (c) the steps to be taken to ensure that such electronic equipment which requires internet

connections work efficiently in remote places having no internet connectivity;  
 (d) whether Government has taken any measures to ensure access to ePoS as digital illiteracy would lead to inaccessibility of this equipment to the general public; and  
 (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Selling of mini LPG cylinders in ration/fair price shops**

**714 Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Oil Marketing Companies to sell mini LPG cylinders through ration/fair price shops in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this has been implemented in a pilot mode in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Distribution of foodgrains under Atma Nirbhar Bharat package**

**715 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the details of amount of foodgrains distributed under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat package State-wise;
- (b) the details of amount of undistributed foodgrains under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat package, State-wise;
- (c) the identity requirements for beneficiaries to avail foodgrains under the scheme; and
- (d) whether any beneficiary has been denied from availing ration under the scheme due to lack of Aadhaar card and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Procurement of foodgrains under Kharif crops**

**716 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of quantity of foodgrains under Kharif crops procured during 2021-22 till date, grain-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of amount paid to farmers as on date against procurement of Kharif foodgrains during 2021-22 till date, State-wise;
- (c) whether some State Governments have recorded highest procurement of Kharif foodgrains during the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Digitisation of PDS**

**717 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and the details of Government's plan to digitise it;
- (b) the number of PDS shops which are computerised across the country, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;

- (c) whether any time limit has been fixed for completion of computerisation of PDS across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Karnataka; and  
 (d) whether Government is planning to link Ration Card with Aadhaar Card across the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the response of all the States/UTs?

### **Stoppage of evacuation of parboiled rice from States**

**718 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry/Food Corporation of India contemplating stopping of evacuation of parboiled rice from the States;  
 (b) if so, the names of States which would be affected by this and the reasons for such stoppage; and  
 (c) the steps the Ministry is undertaking to protect the interests of the farmers of these States in this regard?

### **Allocation of foodgrains to Chhattisgarh during corona period**

**719 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the number of ration card holders, category-wise, fixed by Government for providing extra amount of foodgrains during corona period along with the duration for which the foodgrains were provided, item-wise;  
 (b) whether foodgrains were allocated to Chhattisgarh State as per the set distribution pattern of foodgrains;  
 (c) the types and quantity of foodgrains allocated and whether the received foodgrains have started to be distributed among the beneficiaries by the Government of Chhattisgarh; and  
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Country's rank in the Global Hunger Index**

**720 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) the details of the country's ranking in the Global Hunger Index report, 2021;  
 (b) whether India is among the 47 countries most likely to not reach the zero-hunger goal;  
 (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and  
 (d) the steps taken by Government to improve its ranking in Global Hunger Index?

### **Project for production of semiconductors in the country**

**721 Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to implement a project for support and production of semiconductors in the country;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the manufacturers being considered for the same; and  
 (c) whether there is any target set for the implementation of the plan?

### Implementation of Digital India scheme

722 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the status of implementation of 'Digital India' scheme in the country;
- (b) whether all villages and remote towns of the country have been covered by basic communication/internet services;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time it will take to cover the entire country; and
- (d) whether Government is providing basic internet facilities to all villages to educate the youth of the country, particularly rural youth, in view of online classes?

### Banning of NSO Group

723 **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether United States of America has blacklisted NSO Group and Candiru, for providing Pegasus spyware, which has been used to maliciously target journalists, embassy workers and activists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has also banned the NSO Group in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Schemes for easy accessibility of information technology

724 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) the main features of schemes being implemented by Government to make information technology more easily accessible in the country;
- (b) whether Government has made any efforts to make information technology more easily accessible for people living in rural and remote areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the State of Jharkhand?

### Steps for prevention of misuse of social media

725 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any concrete and effective steps to prevent the misuse of social media by criminals and anti-national elements; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

### Awareness for digital payments in rural areas

726 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether any kind of awareness campaign has been initiated by Government regarding digital payments in rural areas;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for lack of awareness in people in rural areas about digital payments and whether any kind of efforts are being made to address the hindrances and to make favourable conditions for digital payments in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Large scale manufacturing of electronic components under PLI Scheme**

#### **727 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has invited proposals for the second round of large scale manufacturing of electronics under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme;
- (b) how far this initiative is different from the earlier one in terms of items under the electronic sector;
- (c) which categories of electronic components are likely to be given preference and whether Government is expecting major manufacturers to participate in the ongoing process as was experienced in the earlier instance; and
- (d) whether Government had undertaken any estimation on investment to come to the country from the manufacturers likely to participate?

### **Schemes for tapping potential of rural BPOs**

#### **728 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has come up with any schemes to tap the potential of rural BPOs;
- (b) if so, the details of the employment generated by the scheme, State-wise, including those of Karnataka;
- (c) the number of BPOs functional in the rural areas of the country, State-wise, including Karnataka; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to promote BPOs in rural areas and the total percentage of cost for which grant is provided for setting up BPOs?

### **Pashu Aadhar issued under NAIP scheme**

#### **729 Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) how many Pashu Aadhar have been issued by Government under the National Artificial Insemination Programme (NAIP), the details thereof State-wise;
- (b) in how many districts this scheme is active, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) the budgetary allocation for this programme and what has been the utilization of the same; and
- (d) whether Government maintains a classification of data based on the type of cattle, if so, the details of Pashu Aadhar issued?

### **Mobile veterinary ambulance services**

#### **730 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated steps to provide mobile veterinary ambulance services across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) how many veterinary ambulances were provided to Telangana State; and
- (d) whether any request has been received from Government of Telangana to allocate further veterinary ambulance services than existing ones?

### **Seaweed park for seaweed cultivation**

**731 Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether seaweed park for seaweed cultivation is proposed in coastal States, especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of fishermen/fisherwomen empowered under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and the amount spent in the country, State-wise, in the last three years?

### **PMMSY in Assam and West Bengal**

**732 Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) the district-wise details of the number of new ponds that have been constructed in Assam and West Bengal under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY);
- (b) the district-wise details of the number of ponds that have been renovated under the PMMSY in Assam and West Bengal since its inception;
- (c) the district-wise details of the number of fish seed hatchery and fish feed mill created under this scheme in Assam and West Bengal since its inception; and
- (d) the district-wise details of the total amount of money sanctioned and utilized under PMMSY for Assam and West Bengal?

### **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**

**733 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

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

- (a) the main objectives of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY);
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Department of Fisheries for the protection of aquatic ecological system; and
- (c) the efforts being made to ensure that the State of Odisha gets more benefit of the said scheme?

### **Promotion and growth of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying sector**

**734 Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) the details of the schemes introduced by Government for the promotion of the allied sectors (fisheries, animal husbandry, and dairying) production in the country during each of the last five years;
- (b) the details of growth of the allied sectors (fisheries, animal husbandry, and dairying) compared to food production growth in the on-going fiscal year compared to last five years;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the supply chain of allied sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Financial assistance by Ministry to States

**735 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Ministry under different heads to the States over the past three years in a year-wise and State-wise format; and
- (b) the development that has been undertaken by the Ministry in the different States, the details in a State-wise manner across the sectors of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying?

### Loans to promote fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying

**736 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government provides any kind of loan to promote fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria laid down for said projects;
- (c) the district-wise number of people provided with the loans through said scheme in the State of Chhattisgarh during last three years and the current year; and
- (d) whether Government has focused on increasing the credit flow in order to promote animal husbandry, if so, the details thereof?

### NDDB shares in Keventer Agro Ltd

**737 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) held 10 percent shares in Keventer Agro Ltd., Kolkata;
- (b) if so, whether NDDB sold its shares in Keventer Agro Ltd, if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether NDDB has implemented Government's advice to voluntarily implement the RTI Act 2005 in its subsidiary companies, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Audit of the accounts of National Dairy Plan

**738 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether CAG has audited the accounts of the National Dairy Plan (NDP) implemented by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) during 2012-2019 and highlighted wasteful expenditure, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether, as per Hon'ble High Court of Delhi Judgement dated 27.10.2010 in W.P. (Civil) No. 2748/1998, is CAG auditing accounts of NDDB, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government intends to request CAG to audit NDDB on a regular basis, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Funds allocated to the districts of Marathwada region for fisheries

**739 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated to the districts of Jalna, Aurangabad, Parbhani, Hingoli, Nanded, Latur, Osmanabad and Beed individually for fisheries during the last three years along with the amount utilized;

- (b) the details of the facilities provided to the fishermen under various schemes for fisheries; and
- (c) the details of the progress made in generating employment opportunities and in fisheries production in the said districts during the last three years?

#### **Gaps in the value chain and fisheries management**

**740 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether the Pradhan Matri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) checked the gaps in the value chain and fisheries management;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) the details of budget allocation and budget utilization in the PMMSY during the last five years; and
- (d) the number of beneficiaries of PMMSY?

#### **Employment opportunities in FPI sector**

**741 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether Food Processing Industry (FPI) is one of the major job intensive industries in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the employment opportunities generated during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether any measures are being taken by Government to increase job creation capabilities by promoting domestic and foreign investment in the food processing sector; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds invested by both domestic and foreign agencies in this sector during the last three years?

#### **FPI scheme for farmers**

**742 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any FPI scheme for farmers in rural areas to process their produce, to increase the prices of their produce and to increase their income especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of such scheme and the number of farmers benefited from it so far; and
- (c) whether Government would consider to prepare any such action plan in this regard?

#### **Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)**

**743 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of mega and mini food parks, cold chain infrastructure and food testing laboratories established under PMKSY, State-wise including Odisha, with reference to Mayurbhanj;
- (b) the details on the financial allocation and investment made to improve food processing infrastructure under the said Yojana, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the schemes under the Ministry for promoting and processing of citrus

fruits and details of the funds released to Odisha under the same; and  
(d) whether Government has made any assessment of the number of farmers benefited from this scheme, if so, details thereof, State-wise?

### **One District One Product scheme**

**744 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) in how many districts, in which States, the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme has been rolled out;
- (b) the budgetary allocation and break up of budget for this scheme;
- (c) the manner in which local farmers, farmers groups, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), cooperatives, etc. have been roped in for the implementation of this scheme;
- (d) the current and expected benefits (monetary and otherwise) of the scheme for farmers; and
- (e) the incentives provided and measures taken up to encourage sellers and exporters involved in this scheme, details thereof?

### **Setting up of farm level food processing units**

**745 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has identified perishable fruits and vegetables for setting up of small food processing units at farm level or village level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise in case of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of fund allocated , released and utilised for the same during 2021-22 till date, State-wise?

### **Foreign investment proposals for Maharashtra State**

**746 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether several foreign investment proposals have been approved for setting up of food processing units in the country including the State of Maharashtra, during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year, State-wise; and
- (c) the impact of such investment on domestic small food processing industries?

### **Unregistered food processing enterprises**

**747 Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are 25 lakh unregistered food processing enterprises in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any assessment/survey has been conducted about the location of these enterprises;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the manner in which Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme helping these units to address drawbacks that they face, be it relating to branding, marketing, skills, integrating with supply chains, better quality, use of technology, following good hygienic practices, etc.; and

(e) the details of physical targets set and achieved in 2020-21 for these unregistered food processing enterprises?

### **Component Champion Incentive Scheme**

**748 Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated a new Component Champion Incentive Scheme in the country;
- (b) whether it is a 'sales value linked' scheme, applicable on pre-approved Advanced Automotive Technology components of all vehicles;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the incentive currently being provided under this scheme to Battery Electric Vehicles and Hydrogen Fuel Cells component?

### **Steps for promotion of manufacturing of electric vehicles**

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

**Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote the manufacturing of electric vehicles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of electric vehicles sold during the last two years;
- (d) whether Government is providing any subsidy to the consumers to purchase electric vehicles in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Railway connectivity issues in UP**

**750 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Ministry has received representation related to railway connectivity issues faced by Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh (UP); and
- (b) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

### **Congestion issues in Railways**

**751 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Government is facing congestion issues in Railways, including freight corridor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the budgetary allocations done in this regard to increase the number of freight trains; and
- (d) whether Government analyses the loss of revenue due to congestion?

### **Cost escalations in DRFC projects**

**752 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that incessant delays and cost escalations is occurring in the

Dedicated Rail Freight Corridor (DRFC) project due to various orders given by the judiciary as well as the National Green Tribunal (NGT);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government is taking for early completion of land acquisition, relief and rehabilitation work as well as construction of road over bridges as soon as possible to complete the project in time?

### **Selling of railway coaches to private parties**

**753 Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to lease and sell railway coaches to private parties to run theme based cultural, religious and other tourist circuit trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is already running these trains; and

(d) if so, the reasons for leasing or selling railway coaches to private parties?

### **Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund**

**754 Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

(a) the aims and objectives of Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF);

(b) the details of concessional finance provided to the fishing and aqua farmers in the State of Maharashtra under the above fund since implementation of the scheme, district-wise and year-wise;

(c) the special emphasis that the Ministry is making on inland fisheries aquaculture under the above fund, particularly in the State of Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of physical targets set and achieved under the above fund, State-wise?

### **Restoration of train travel concessions**

**755 Shri Vaiko:**

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

(a) the reasons for withdrawal of train travel concessions to various categories during the lockdown period;

(b) whether demands have been received from various quarters for restoration of concessions to various categories including students;

(c) if so, the response of Government; and

(d) when less than 12 percent of reserved passengers avail concessions, whether Government would restore travel concessions which were given over a period out of social necessity and obligation and if so, by when?

### **Railway projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh**

**756 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government has released funds for the completion of railway projects that are undertaken and pending in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, details thereof;

- (c) the details of the funds that have been released as State's share in the ongoing railway projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether Government has come across an issue of inordinate delay in releasing of funds by the State of Andhra Pradesh pertaining to ongoing railway projects; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

### **Leasing of vacant land by RLDA**

**757 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has planned to lease out all its vacant land in the name of opening Indian Railways doors for Public Private Partnership (PPP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the norms adopted;
- (c) whether Government has received complaints against favouritism adopted while leasing out land to private parties;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by Government thereon?

### **Proposals to operate passenger trains under PPP mode**

**758 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to start operating more number of passenger trains through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;
- (b) if so, the details of identified railway-routes, progress made so far and new services provided to these trains in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that running of passenger trains through PPP mode would not affect the existing railway services and their frequency; and
- (d) the revenue expected to be generated by the Railways by running trains through PPP mode?

### **Railway projects in North Eastern States**

**759 Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of railways projects completed in North Eastern States in the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has any scheme to enhance railway connectivity in North Eastern States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Water ATMs at railway stations**

**760 Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of water ATM installed at several railway stations in the last five years to provide safe drinking water;
- (b) whether Government is aware that most of the water ATMs are non-functional due to lack of maintenance;
- (c) whether Government has any plan or scheme to rectify the problems and resume

service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

### **Privatization of railway stations and trains**

**761 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to privatize any railway stations or trains or any of the assets belonging to the Railways;

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

(c) whether any railway station or train or other assets belonging to the Railways have been privatized till now; and

(d) if so, whether any loss of employment has taken place because of privatization or during the privatization process, if so, the details thereof?

### **Modification of fixed infrastructure on railway routes**

**762 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the fixed infrastructure on crucial routes has to be modified on war footing to be able to carry dwarf double-stack containers, all types of trucks 'Roll-on-Roll' (Ro-Ro) mode and SUVs in two-tier;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Preventive measures against flooding of railway tracks**

**763 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any precautionary measures to avoid accidents that occur due to flooding and washing away of railway tracks during rains under all the railway zones in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the works for the maintenance of railway bridges and culverts have been completed before the starting of the rainy season;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has made any arrangement for constant monitoring of railway tracks and bridges to avoid such accidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Sleeping pod services**

**764 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to provide sleeping pod services to passengers at certain railway stations;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to provide quality accommodation services to all kind of travelers at affordable rates at major railway stations across the country and particularly in Punjab?

### Station development programme

765 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the present status of work done so far under the station development project;
- (b) the reasons for which Government has decided to shut down the Indian Railway Station Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC); and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government for redevelopment of all major railway stations on priority basis and particularly in Punjab?

### Reservation in outsourced jobs in Railways

766 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether provisions of reservation are not being followed in outsourced jobs;
- (b) the total number of works being done through outsourced jobs;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are large number of complaints regarding corruption at large scale in outsourced jobs and about paying less wages to the employees by contractors;
- (d) whether Government will consider permanent appointment on the positions which require outsourced job for longer periods; and
- (e) the reasons for not doing permanent hiring for the said jobs?

### Revenue from the sale of platform tickets

767 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) the revenue generated by the Railways till date by fixing and levying ₹ 30 as platform ticket during corona times;
- (b) the revenue generated by the Railways by discontinuing the exemptions on various concessional tickets due to running re-operated trains as special trains during corona times; and
- (c) whether extra amount earned per passenger by discontinuing the concessional tickets and through the increase in platform tickets has been spent for the treatment of corona disease?

### Women coaches in trains

768 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether the number of women coaches in various trains running on important routes in the country are less in number and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of women coaches to ensure adequate security of women passengers in the trains and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by Government for safe and convenient journey of women passengers?

### **Progress of railway line works in Uttarakhand**

**769 # Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) the progress of construction works of Rishikesh-Karnprayag, Bageshwar-Tanakpur and Deoband-Roorkee railway lines, the details thereof; and
- (b) the other railway lines being considered for the State of Uttarakhand in future, whether Vikasnagar-Dehradun and Saharanpur-Vikasnagar railway lines are under consideration?

### **Normalisation of railway passenger services**

**770 Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to normalise the railway passenger services by this year;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government is going to restart giving the pre-COVID subsidy rules in railway ticket for senior citizens and other passengers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### **Re-organization and unification of railways in the State of Odisha**

**771 Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Ministry has taken any steps for the re-organization and unifying railways in the State of Odisha which includes three new railway divisions at Rourkela, Jajpur, and Bhawanipatna under one administrative zonal headquarter of East Coast Railway (ECoR), Bhubaneswar, as per the just demand of State Government of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Unused immovable property of Indian Railways**

**772 Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether the Indian Railways has any unused immovable property registered in its name;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government intends to employ unused buildings and press for the purposes of leasing, advertisement or any such revenue-generating commercial activity;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any private sector entities have expressed an interest to utilize such property; and
- (f) if so, Government's detailed response to such entities?

### **Decline in number of AC coach passengers**

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of passengers travelling in Air-Conditioned (AC) coaches has declined drastically in the last two years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to address the decline?

### Entry fee for vehicles at NDLS

774 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that vehicles are being charged entry fee at the rate of per minute at New Delhi Railway Station (NDLS), if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the names of the railway stations in the country where charging entry fee for vehicles is proposed?

### Revised protocol for railway bridge classification

775 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government has devised a revised protocol for the classification of railway bridges as per the recommendation of the Standing Committee of 2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has increased the frequency of underwater inspection of bridges in order to increase efficiency;
- (d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has switched to Link Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches in all trains;
- (f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (g) whether Government is planning human resource restructuring based on the advice of experts and Ministries, if so, the details thereof?

### Abolition of posts in Railways

776 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has abolished thousands of sanctioned posts of Railways in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reasons for not filling these vacant posts for years;
- (d) the details of number of posts abolished in the last five years, year-wise; and
- (e) whether there is any plan to further abolish vacant posts, if so, the details thereof ?

### Passenger train service on Haridaspur-Paradeep railway line

777 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety has given any clearance for passenger train service on newly constructed Haridaspur-Paradeep railway line;
- (b) if so, whether Government has any plan to start passenger/express train service in this above mentioned route; and
- (c) the details of revenue generated from the freight service after introduction of freight movement in this particular route?

### **Khurda Road-Bolangir new railway project**

#### **778 Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the present status of Khurda Road-Bolangir new railway project;
- (b) the details of land acquired and transferred to Railways for construction of this new railway line;
- (c) whether any statutory clearance like forest, environment etc. is pending, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the expected date of completion of this Khurda Road-Bolangir railway project; and
- (e) the present estimated cost of the above mentioned new project, the details of budgetary provision and expenditure so far, year-wise?

### **Railway projects in Kerala**

#### **779 Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) whether Government is ready to consider the Angamali-Sabarimala railway line in Kerala announced in the 1997-98 Railway Budget in light of Kerala Government's decision to bear the 50 per cent cost of the same;
- (b) whether any such proposals in respect of Kerala like the Kanhangad-Mysuru railway line are pending before Government;
- (c) the action taken by Government and the present status of the proposal on each of them; and
- (d) whether Government initiated any action in the case of Sabarimala railway line, after the recent meeting of Railway Minister with the Chief Minister of Kerala?

### **Plan for a new Ajmer to Merta Road railway line**

#### **780 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) whether any action plan has been prepared for laying a new railway line from Ajmer to Merta Road via Pushkar, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any deadline has been set for the completion of said railway route, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated funds to be spent on the said project?

### **Railway projects for Chhattisgarh**

#### **781 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the details of railway projects announced/proposed in the last three budgets for Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether any time frame has been set to complete proposed railway projects, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that proposed railway project could not be completed in the set time frame, if so, the reasons behind the delay of these projects;
- (d) the current status of these projects and by when these pending projects would be completed; and
- (e) whether any time limit has been set again by Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

### **100 per cent electrification at all broad-gauge routes**

**782 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the current status of the 100 per cent electrification of all broad-gauge routes initiative;
- (b) the estimated emission reduction achieved already through this shift and the cost savings which have arisen from such electrification;
- (c) whether Government has set up solar power generation facilities in vacant railway land as proposed previously, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of all power procurement routes for Indian Railways to achieve the set target of 20 GW renewable energy by 2030?

### **Building a terminal at Hardinge Park**

**783 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on any scheme to build a terminal for passenger trains on the land of Hardinge Park in Patna, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the land required for this, the land acquired till date, the land to be acquired and from whom; and
- (c) the cost of the terminal and by when it will be ready?

### **Lakhminia railway station**

**784 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the revenue earned by Lakhminia railway station in Sonpur Zone in Bihar that caters to thousands of people mostly farmers and students, in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20;
- (b) how it is ahead in revenue earning from other adjoining railways stations, in comparison to stoppage of trains;
- (c) how many hours reservation counter is open for the general public in Lakhminia ;
- (d) how many trains have stoppage there;
- (e) whether Government is considering for the stoppage of the intercity and trains connecting Delhi and Patna in Lakhminia station; and
- (f) how many employees are working in Lakhminia station and what is the allocated strength?

### **Hajipur (Sonpur) Zone**

**785 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Hajipur (Sonpur) zone fails to maintain supervision of railway stations under it;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the bureaucrats don't consider the advice given by the representative nominated by the MPs in the Rail Advisory Committee;
- (c) how many times meeting have been held with such representatives;
- (d) how many times they supervised railway stations facilities;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that Lakhminia railway station was without fans, water and toilet facilities before 12 November 2021; and
- (f) whether Government has taken action on such officials for laxity on their part?

### **Railway employees**

**786 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) how many employees work with Indian Railways;
- (b) how many of them are working on contract ;
- (c) whether Government regularise contractual workers working for the last five years;
- (d) what are the health hazards railway employees face due to factors like diesel exhaust, noise and vibration;
- (e) how many gangmen and repairmen have died during track repair and maintenance task in the last five years; and
- (f) the action taken by Government for protection of life and health of its railway workers?

### **SPVs in Railways**

**787 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) whether Government owned Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) such as Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE) and Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) are dependent on Ministry for existence;
- (b) whether these SPVs with rich experience from the projects, executed in the past shall be encouraged to explore projects in India and abroad and turn self-sustainable; and
- (c) whether these SPVs shall be allowed to partner with other private players for enhancing their competitiveness?

### **Making railway stations self-sustainable under PPP**

**788 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the plans Ministry has to turn railway stations, not backed by lucrative land bank, to be self-sustainable under Public Private Partnership (PPP);
- (b) whether railway stations, which have been awarded for redevelopment under PPP model, have lucrative land bank for private operator to monetize; and
- (c) whether Government plans to explore other models of redevelopment such as Annuity, Hybrid Annuity, Viability Gap Funding (VGF), etc. for railway stations, not backed by lucrative land bank?

### **Improving safety standards on railway tracks for animals**

**789 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure safety of wild animals, especially elephants, crossing over rail tracks, if so, State/UT-wise details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether steps have been taken to implement recommendations of the Permanent Coordination Committee constituted between Railways and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for preventing elephant deaths in train accidents, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any green corridors for safe passage have been planned, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### **Increase of women personnel in RPF**

**790 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether there is an increase in number of women personnel recruited in Railway Protection Force (RPF) from the past figure of 9 percent, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Child Help Desk/kiosk (CHD) have been set up across all railway stations, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether special training is being imparted to RPF personnels so as to sensitise them regarding the issue of child help, if so the details thereof?

### **Common Facility Centres at block level**

**791 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for setting up of Common Facility Centres (CFCs) at block/municipal level for providing basic facilities for the development of handloom industry in the country during the recent time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the requirement/eligibility criteria for sanctioning of such centres?

### **Cotton purchases from Andhra Pradesh**

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

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

- (a) the details of total quantity and value of cotton procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) Ltd., in the last four years in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) the details of procurement of cotton in volume and value terms from each procurement centre in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of number of farmers from whom procurement was done by CCI from each procurement centre in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh?

### **Cluster based textile industry for the handlooms**

**793 Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed cluster based textile industry for the handloom weavers of the country;
- (b) if so, the proposal details and details of active hand-weaver clusters in the country; and
- (c) the details of proposals to help the weavers to come out from post-COVID-19 economic and social crisis and strengthen the handloom weaves?

### **India Handloom Brand**

**794 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the objectives behind launching the India Handloom Brand (IHB) on 7th August 2015;
- (b) the number of units that have been registered under IHB year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of the business done by the IHB registered units, year-wise;
- (d) the amount of handloom sold digitally on e-commerce, year-wise after launching of IHB;

- (e) whether handloom business done on IHB adequately justifies the objective behind its launch; and
- (f) whether Government will take specific measures for popularising the IHB for promoting e-commerce on a large scale, if so, details thereof?

### **Supply of quality raw materials for promotion of handloom**

**795 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether assured supply of quality raw material, namely silk, cotton yarn, dyes and chemicals at a reasonable price is important for promotion of handloom;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government for ensuring it;
- (c) whether Government would consider streamlining the arrangements of supply of raw material for the handloom sector through the Textile Commissioner with the support of Central Silk Board, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is considering making quality dyes and chemicals along with training for helping the handloom weavers in the unorganised sector, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### **Distress to hosiery and knitwear industry**

**796 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether the abnormal price hike of yarn has caused distress to hosiery and knit wear industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the increase in yarn price is likely to cause the closure of most of the manufacturers under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector; and
- (d) the immediate steps Government has taken to contain the steep hike in the price of yarn?

### **PLI for man-made fibre and establishment of 7 more textile parks**

**797 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to boost production and increase the share in export through Productivity Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme and setting up of 7 more textile parks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the places identified for setting up of new textile parks in the country and how much time it is likely to take them to begin their operation; and
- (d) whether the new textile parks would have all the facilities from yarn to garment production, including fabric and wet production within each of the new parks to be established?

### **Green garment factory**

**798 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the number of operating green garment factories in India; and
- (b) the steps Government has taken or is proposing to take to promote development of

green garment factories in the country and to provide a stiff competition to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka which already have hundreds of these industries operating therein?

**Potential of West Bengal to become competitive textile hub**

799 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that West Bengal has the potential to become competitive textile hub;
- (b) whether the Ministry has provided any kind of financial, technological assistance etc. to improve textile productivity in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Mega Investment Textiles Parks (MITRA ) scheme**

800 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the details of Mega Investment Textiles Parks (MITRA) scheme introduced as part of the Budget 2021-22;
- (b) State/UT-wise details of beneficiaries identified under MITRA scheme;
- (c) details of necessary linkages and strength for textile industry that States need to consider for setting up of MITRAs;
- (d) details of criteria for selection of master developer and list of any current candidates;
- (e) how Government plans to promote Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) and position India in the global textile markets through MITRAs; and
- (f) details of support that Government will provide to promote cottage textile industries, small weavers and textile artisans under MITRAs?

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