

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, July 26, 2019/Shravana 4, 1941 (Saka)*

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

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#### Setting up small fishing harbour in Tamil Nadu

3814. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up small fishing harbour in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Incentives and support for agri- entrepreneurs

3815. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any specific criteria to select the agri-entrepreneurs mentioned in the budget for incentives and other support; and

(b) the nature of incentive and support being envisaged and in what manner this would affect the income security and opportunities for agri-entrepreneurs?

#### Soil testing laboratories in Uttar Pradesh

†3816. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers who have been provided with Soil Health Cards under Soil Health Management Scheme for increase in the agricultural production across the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of Soil Health Testing Laboratories set up for soil testing in Uttar Pradesh and in other States of the country and the number of farmers who got soil test done along with the details of their districts during the last three years?

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#### **Vacant posts of agricultural scientists in ICAR**

†3817. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts sanctioned for agriculture scientists in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the number of filled and vacant posts respectively *vis-a-vis* the posts sanctioned in this regard; and

(b) whether the agricultural research works are getting adversely affected on account of posts remaining vacant for a long time, if so, the action plan of the Government to fill the vacant posts soon?

#### **Implementation of Soil Health Card Scheme**

3818. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soil Health Card under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), aims at promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) through judicious use of chemical fertilisers including secondary and micro-nutrients in conjunction with organic manures and bio-fertilisers;

(b) if so, the number of farmers who have shifted to sustainable agriculture practices; and

(c) whether the Soil Health Cards have been issued to the farmers in remote areas such as North Eastern States, if so, the number of farmers who have availed the same?

#### **Status of Model Land Leasing Act**

3819. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Model Land Leasing Act; and

(b) the specific steps taken by the Government to ensure that sharecroppers and tenant cultivators have surety of tenure, access to institutional loans, input and market support, and insurance schemes?

#### **Achievement of Andhra Pradesh in agricultural sector**

3820. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has shown the highest achievement at national level in terms of agricultural production, the growth rate in agricultural sector and increase in the income of farmers during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the model adopted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh could prove to be the best for agricultural development towards achieving the target for doubling the income of farmers by the year 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Damage to crops by wild animals**

3821. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed

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the total loss to farmer's crops by wild animals during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government provides compensation to such farmers;

(d) the other remedial measures taken by Government to protect crops from the wild animals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Seed bankers for conserving native crops**

3822. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of various seed bankers in the country who are conserving native crops; and

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to save the native varieties of crops available in the country?

#### **Implementation of Krishonnati Yojana**

3823. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has extended the Krishonnati Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding missions and components of the scheme;

(d) whether Government has identified any specific focus areas under the scheme; and

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

#### **Expansion of mandate of NCDC**

3824. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government would consider to expand the mandate of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to include Farmer Producer Organisations and Agriculture Production Clusters to enable lending by NCDC to these groups as the State of Odisha have taken a massive thrust on promotion of Agriculture Production Clusters in 40 tribal blocks in 12 districts of Odisha, which would be involved in production, processing, value addition and linkage to market infrastructures?

#### **Sowing of banned GM crops in Maharashtra**

3825. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that farmers of Maharashtra are bent upon to sow banned GM crops in the State as they expect it to be more profitable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take to persuade the farmers of the State not to go for GM crops but rather sow traditional crops and to provide them remunerative prices for their crops?

#### **Mission to double farmers' income**

3826. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of doubling the farmers' income scheme;

(b) the steps proposed by Government towards achieving this goal;

(c) whether it is feasible for Government or whether Government machinery is ready to implement them in due course;

(d) whether Government is planning to increase agricultural land to achieve this goal; and

(e) whether Government is planning to take help of foreign expertise in this regard?

#### **Projects initiated by States under PMKSY**

3827. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have availed micro irrigation funds created with NABARD under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for 2018-19, State-wise;

(b) the number of innovative integrated projects which were initiated by the States who have availed the micro irrigation fund, State-wise; and

(c) the number of projects out of these projects which are in PPP model and the amount of investment, if any, that has come from private entities?

#### **Locust attack on crops in Rajasthan**

3828. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether infestation of locust has been reported in Jaisalmer for the first time since 1993, if so, the data about loss of crops in this regard;

(b) the details of steps taken by the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine

and Storage in reducing the impact of the current locust attack;

(c) the initiatives taken by the Government to prevent such attacks in future;

(d) whether Government is maintaining the data regarding the loss caused by the locust attack, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of loss caused by the locust attack in the year 1993?

#### **Sowing of GM cotton seeds in Maharashtra**

3829. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of farmers have sowed Genetically-Modified (GM) herbicide-tolerant (HT) cotton seeds on their farm land despite ban and nearly 11 lakh hectares of land is already under cultivation using HT cotton seeds in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether farmers organisations/ Sangatana are pressing for free access to the latest technology in farming, including Genetically Modified (GM) seeds in the country; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Engagement of private insurance companies under PMFBY**

3830 DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has engaged various insurance companies including the private insurance companies to implement Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) if so, the details of insurance companies that have been engaged by Government, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding non-payment of compensation by insurance companies including the private insurance companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Inspection of books of account of MSCS**

3831. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the provisions of Section 108(1)(iii) of MSCS Act, 2002 the books of account and other books and papers of every Multi-State Cooperative Society (MSCS) are open to inspection by members of MSCS;

(b) the details of books of account and other books and papers of MSCS which are not open to inspection by the members of MSCS; and

(c) whether as per the provisions of Section 108 of Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002, members of MSCS can obtain copies of documents and records etc. relating to the affairs of MSCS and if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Inspection of books of accounts of MSCS**

3832. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a member of Multi-State

Cooperative Society (MSCS) has to give prior notice to MSCS for inspecting books of accounts etc. as per the provisions of Section 108 of Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Directors/Officers/Employees of MSCS can refuse disclosure of books of accounts etc. for inspection to members as per the provisions of Section 108 of Multi State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when election will be held to fill up the vacant posts of delegates and directors in Kendriya Bhandar?

#### **Effect of high yielding varieties of seeds**

3833. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the high yielding varieties of seeds and the methods used for increasing agriculture growth have caused soil salinity and damage to the physical structure of soil; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for empowering the farmers to adopt environment- friendly agricultural methods?

#### **Failure of GM crops to provide livelihood security to farmers**

3834. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GM

crops like Bt-cotton, introduced in the country, have failed to provide livelihood security to farmers, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government intends to call off any advancements in GM crops due to their limited success in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of precautionary principles and bio-safety protocols applied by Government for the introduction of GM crops in the country?

#### **Drought affected regions in the country**

3835. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the regions affected by drought during last three years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for drought management and the outcome thereof?

#### **Use of artificial intelligence in agriculture**

3836. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether artificial intelligence could be used in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and in what manner it would transform agricultural sector;

(c) whether Government is planning to include artificial intelligence in agriculture;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **High powered committee for structural reforms in agriculture**

3837. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced creation of a high powered committee on structural reforms in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details of composition of the committee and its role; and

(c) whether the recommendation of the committee is mandatory and the time-frame fixed for submission of the report?

#### **Increase/decline in income of farmers**

†3838. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently conducted any survey to find out the increase/decline in the income of the farmers of the country since 2014;

(b) if so, the State-wise details during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and on what basis Government claims that the income of the farmers has increased or is increasing?

#### **Damage to crops by cattle**

3839. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that area under vegetables and pulses in Uttar Pradesh is reduced because of damage caused by Neelgai and other cattle;

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(b) if so, whether Government has any plan for mass-catching of animals and shifting them to reserve forests; and

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

#### **Exemption from credit linkages in Odisha**

3840. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government would consider to relax the credit linkages for the project based activities up to ₹ 25 lakh as in Odisha, the credit linkage is poor due to which the achievements under the project based activities is not satisfactory?

#### **Filing of lawsuits against farmers**

†3841. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fruits and vegetables seeds which have been patented by Pepsico India Holding Private Limited Company in India along with the time schedule of patenting, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that company has filed compensation lawsuits against Indian farmers for cultivating their patented FC-5 potatoes, if so, the details of the current status of lawsuits along with the number of farmers thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the total number of farmers and the amount of money recovered therefrom in such lawsuits?

#### **Degradation of farmland**

3842. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of organic matter in soil has drastically come down due to indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers in farmland; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the possession of Soil Health Card (SHC) cannot be made mandatory to avail several benefits under various schemes of the Ministry?

#### **Cost of machinery for managing crop residue**

3843. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crop residue burning is a great cause of pollution, skin disease etc. in certain States of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the machinery available for management of crops residue is very expensive even after the subsidy given thereon; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider buying machines and giving them on rent to farmers to eliminate residue burning activities?

#### **Provision of storage facilities to farmers**

†3844. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide well equipped storage facilities to the farmers;

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(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard so far; and

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

**Development of agricultural associated sectors**

†3845. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to chalkout a strategy for the development of agricultural associated sectors while widening the ambit of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and

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

**Decline in the enrolment under PMFBY**

†3846. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers' enrolment under PMFBY has declined in the Kharif season from the year 2016-17 to 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether initiatives are being taken to check this decline?

**DBT to micro irrigation programme**

3847. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on extending Direct Benefit

Transfer (DBT) to the micro irrigation programme to plug the irregularities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Use of satellite imagery for assessing the farmers crops**

†3848. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on using technical equipments and satellite imagery to assess the crop of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a provision of payment of interest by the insurance companies on the farmers' claims if there is delay in settlement of the crop claims beyond two months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the interest paid so far, State-wise?

**Cost effective technology for small and marginal farmers**

3849. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of small and marginal farmers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether cost effective technologies suitable for small land holdings have been

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developed by the agricultural research institutions in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to promote and assist small and marginal farmers to adopt such technologies; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government to make small land holdings more viable?

#### **Group insurance scheme for farmers**

†3850. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is considering to launch a group insurance scheme with one-time premium payment facility to cover different risks faced by farmers and their families; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Agricultural reforms for doubling farmers' income**

3851. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the major reforms likely to be introduced by Government in the next three years in view of the commitment to double the income of farmers by 2022;

(b) whether Government has any concrete plan for increasing the farm production, provide alternate occupational

paths for rural households, making available better seeds and farm technology, drip irrigation, crop planning, easier and fast transport of farm produce to market, making available warehouse facilities, reduction in role of middlemen and so on; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Improving milking capacity of cows**

3852. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether breed improvement scheme used for improving milking capacity of cows has been found successful in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the same can be used for street cows by some modification to make large population of street cows productive; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Growth of fisheries sector**

3853. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fisheries sector has huge untapped resources in the sea, but is facing problems which prevent its growth;

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

(c) the steps being taken to address these problems and for the growth of fisheries sector of the country?

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**Slaughtering of cows**

3854. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cow slaughter is legally banned all over the country;
- (b) the names of the States where there are instances of cow slaughter despite the ban;
- (c) the legal remedy available to stop or check this violation; and
- (d) the instructions that have been issued to State/police authorities including Kerala and Jammu and Kashmir Government in this regard?

**Domestication of indigenous cows**

3855. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the concrete action plan Government has for increased domestication of indigenous cows in the country;
- (b) whether any incentive plan has been introduced for domestication of indigenous cows in rural areas which may help the villagers to increase their annual income;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has thought of a nation-wide network for collection of dairy produce from the villagers and supply them in the nearby market?

**Fisheries and dairy development in Telangana**

3856. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken for fisheries and dairy development in Telangana particularly where tanks are existing which has huge scope to provide employment also; and
- (b) the funds sanctioned/spent in these areas in Telangana?

**Welfare schemes for fishermen**

3857. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes for the welfare of fishermen of the coastal areas, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government provides any sort of help to fishermen to purchase boats, nets and vessels;
- (c) if so, the amount spent thereon in the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) whether any insurance scheme is provided specifically for the fishermen, if so, the details thereof?

**Stray animals in the country**

†3858. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:  
SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number

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of stray animals is continuously increasing in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government has any plan to deal with this problem, if so, by when Government would be able to control the stray animals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Subsidy for dairy farming**

3859. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce subsidies for dairy farming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Detention of Indian fishermen in foreign countries**

3860. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian fishermen detained in the jails of various countries, country-wise; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to secure their release and bring them back to the country?

#### **Availability of fertilizers to farmers**

3861. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate steps have been taken by Government to ensure the availability and timely supply of urea and

other fertilizers to the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of arrangements being made for the supply of urea and other fertilizers to farmers in the States, particularly in Karnataka;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up new fertilizer plants for manufacturing urea and other fertilizers in the States, including Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by when such plants are likely to be set up?

#### **Excessive use of fertilizers**

3862. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hectares of land which has become saline in nature/barren due to excessive use of fertilizers;

(b) the steps taken towards preventing excessive use of fertilizers;

(c) the effect of fertilizers on human body, if transferred in human diet through food;

(d) the measures taken to improve the quality of fertilizers to increase its productivity capacity with very little use; and

(e) whether any alternative to fertilizer has been found with same productivity capacity?

#### **Losses to public sector fertilizer companies**

†3863. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total annual

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consumption of fertilizers in the country during last five years;

(b) the quantities of fertilizer imported and produced indigenously;

(c) whether some public sector fertilizer companies which were making profit earlier are running in losses in recent years; and

(d) whether it is mainly due to the tariff policy of Government, if so, whether Government would amend the policy, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Opening of new Janaushadhi Kendras**

3864. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the impact of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) along with the details of modifications in the scheme since its inception, if any;

(b) whether Government proposes to open new Janaushadhi Kendras in Maharashtra under the said scheme, if so, the number of such Kendras proposed to be opened in Maharashtra, location-wise and also for other States, district-wise;

(c) the total number of sale outlets opened especially in rural areas since 2016, including Maharashtra; and

(d) whether Government is planning to increase outlets in rural areas?

#### **Supply of substandard drugs to Janaushadhi Kendras**

3865. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) has found twenty five batches of drugs by eighteen manufacturing companies supplied to Janaushadhi outlets from January 2018 to be sub-standard;

(b) whether one of the eighteen offenders is a PSU;

(c) whether the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation's (CDSCO) laxity in the enforcement of quality control measures would be investigated; and

(d) whether the CDSCO has not made it mandatory for the companies to submit their stability testing, as ordered by the Drugs Controller General in 2017?

#### **Study on Resource Mapping of Rock Phosphate commissioned by DoF**

3866. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Fertilizers (DoF) has commissioned a study on Resource Mapping of Rock Phosphate using Reflectance Spectroscopy and Earth Observations Data;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of any data with regard to Jharkhand, if prepared?

#### **Increase in price of petrochemicals**

3867. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of petrochemicals have increased considerably during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has ascertained the impact of such increase in prices of petrochemicals on the packaging costs of various products, various sectors and consumer goods during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to protect the interests of various sectors and common man from such increase in prices of petrochemicals?

**Fertilizer factories in the country**

3868. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the production capacity of urea and other fertilizers in the country;

(b) the total number of fertilizer factories which are operational along with the number of factories closed;

(c) whether it is proposed to increase State quota to ensure the availability of fertilizers to farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Measures to curb overuse of fertilizers**

3869. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fertilizer subsidy given to farmers since 2014, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government takes into account the quantity of fertilizer required based on soil quality, crop or land ownership, the details of the mechanism set up in order to facilitate farmers in this regard, State-wise, since 2014, if no such assessment is done, in what manner Government ensures that farmers receive only that much quantity of fertilizer as they require; and

(c) if not, the measures taken by Government to curb the overuse of fertilizers or the sale of excess fertilizers in the black market?

**Preference to 'Make in India' under procurement policy**

3870. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given approval that gives preference to 'Make in India' in Government procurement under national procurement policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent this would boost domestic manufacturing and services and enhance income levels and employment generation in the country, the details thereof?

**National e-Commerce System**

3871. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on introducing National e-Commerce System in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any discussions have taken place with the national e-Commerce companies in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and suggestions made by national e-Commerce companies in this regard?

#### **Dumping of aluminium scrap**

3872. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade war makes India a haven for aluminium scrap dumping;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the aluminium scrap import has grown 18.8 per cent in the January-March, 2019 quarter compared with the same quarter of the previous year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decreasing trade in global economy**

3873. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner Government intends to increase exports when global trade is decreasing due to headwinds in the global economy;

(b) whether India is able to capitalise on the US-China trade stand off; and

(c) in what manner Government plans to bridge the trade deficit with China?

#### **Penalty levied on tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh**

3874. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of tobacco growing farmers from Andhra Pradesh has met the Minister and requested him to protect the tobacco-growing farmers in the State of Andhra Pradesh by reducing the penalty levied on them and sanctioning compensation to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on their request, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Export of fruits and vegetables to save farmers from losses**

3875. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of agricultural products which perish every year due to insufficient cold storage facilities; and

(b) whether there is any promotional policy of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to export such fruits and vegetables to save farmers from losses, if so, the details thereof?

#### **National policy on e-Commerce**

3876. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to come out with a framework for a national policy on e-Commerce to deal with issues including competition, regulation, data privacy, taxation and technical aspects such as localisation of servers and technology

transfer;

(b) whether Government has set up a task force/think tank to finalise the contours of a policy for the e-Commerce sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Withdrawal of GSP and its impact**

3877. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GSP was extended to India by USA, negotiations for which were due in March, 2019 and in view of general elections, USA had extended the date for negotiations, after which USA withdrew GSP benefits on 1 June, 2019;

(b) whether there has been a serious lapse on part of Government by delaying the negotiations/dialogue in spite of the said extension;

(c) if so, its impact on the export of the industries benefitting from GSP and the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government plans to renegotiate the same and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Export of organic agricultural products**

†3878. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a policy or framework to enhance/double

the export of organic agricultural products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Trade tussles for India in WTO**

3879. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the potential of trade tussles for India seems to be growing in WTO with US claiming that India had under-reported the massive support it offered to wheat and paddy farmers and its dole-outs far exceeding the permissible limits;

(b) whether countries like Brazil, Australia and Gautemala have initiated disputes against India's sugarcane subsidies;

(c) whether European Union wants to know, through WTO, how India plans to double farmers' income and allocate spending of ₹ 25 lakh crore on agriculture and rural development; and

(d) whether 25-26 countries have submitted questions to WTO on various farm policies adopted by India?

#### **India's position in the wake of US-China trade issues**

3880. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the escalating 'Trade War' between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China;

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(b) whether Government is aware of the trend of Multi National Corporations exiting China in search of alternative countries amidst unfavourable trade agreement with US;

(c) if so, the details of India's comparative position *vis-a-vis* China with respect to stability, infrastructure, manpower, learning, discipline and labour laws; and

(d) the details of steps and actions taken by Government to facilitate capture of potential foreign investment?

**Impact of withdrawal of GSP on labour intensive industries**

3881. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's preferential trade status under 'Generalised System of Preferences' programme has been terminated by the United States of America;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the impact of the same will be most significant in labour intensive industries like leather, jewellery, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, agriculture and engineering; and

(c) if so, the details of the unfavourable negotiations and the details of steps taken to address subsequent loss of employment and rural revenue generation thereof?

**National Retail Trading e-Commerce System**

3882. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on introducing National Retail Trading e-Commerce System in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any discussions have been held with the retail businessmen to elicit the facts and difficulties in introducing the system, if so, the details thereof?

**Allocation of funds by PSUs under Corporate Social Responsibility**

3883. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the purview of the Ministry have been allocating funds for taking up projects under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the total funds allocated and projects undertaken by these companies under this head during the last three years and the current year along with their present status thereof, company and State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has laid down any specific norms regarding the utilisation of funds under the CSR, particularly in tribal areas and if so, the details thereof?

**Infrastructural development for organic production**

‡3884. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to develop separate infrastructure and encourage the investment of capital infrastructure for the manufacturing of organic products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Setting up of timber industry**

‡3885. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance and guidance is being provided separately to set up timber industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps taken to resolve consumer complaints**

3886. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of consumer complaints have been increasing manifold every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such consumer complaints received during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to

resolve the complaints and redress the grievances of consumers?

**Payment of sugarcane arrears to farmers**

3887. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar mills operated by HPCL Biofuels Limited owe a huge amount as sugarcane arrears to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total amount paid by the mill to farmers and the balance of payment pending during the current crushing season;

(c) whether the mill has submitted a payment schedule for clearing the dues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by Government to ensure payment of sugarcane arrears to farmers?

**One Nation - One Ration Card Scheme**

3888. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce 'One Nation- One Ration Card' Scheme to help migrant workers access ration anywhere in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the tentative date by which the said scheme is proposed to be rolled out; and

(d) the tentative number of persons to be benefited by the said scheme, State-wise?

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### **Legislation on direct selling**

3889. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking of coming up with a legislation on direct selling;

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

(c) whether Government has taken cognizance of the law enforcement agencies wrongfully booking genuine direct selling firms under the Price Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken by Government to rectify the above?

### **Lack of proper storage facilities for foodgrains**

3890. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that foodgrains are wasted every year during the rainy season due to lack of proper storage facilities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action plan prepared by Government to deal with the said problem;

(c) whether Government has fixed any accountability in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the foodgrain storage capacity of public and private sector godowns separately in the country at present; and

(e) the total quantum of foodgrains stored in these godowns at present along

with the storage capacity lying unused?

### **Development of rural household storage facilities**

3891. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 40 per cent of the foodgrains produced by farmers is wasted every year owing to poor storage and supply mechanism;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to prevent the perishing of foodgrains not procured by Government agencies like Food Corporation of India and NAFED;

(c) the reasons for not developing rural household storage facilities by using the latest technology developed by IGMRI, Hapur on the lines of rural household toilets; and

(d) the reasons for not setting-up grain banks in every district to procure grains from farmers at assured MSPs for storage to meet any contingency situation?

### **Manipulation of prices of farm produces**

3892. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued instructions to the commodities futures regulator Forward Market Commission (FMC) to curb speculation and price manipulation in farm produces, particularly pulses and edible oils, keeping in view the high rise in the prices of pulses and edible oils in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the impact of such manipulation on prices of the said farm items; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this direction?

**Payment to FCI to run procurement, storage and distribution network**

3893. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is fully paying the Food Corporation of India (FCI) the cost to run the massive foodgrain procurement, storage and distribution network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Centre owes any money to FCI on account of funds used for procurement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

**Gap in desired and functional FCI warehouses**

3894. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of functional agro warehouses under FCI in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware of any gap in the actual and desired number of agro warehouses;

(c) whether it is proposed to increase the number of agro warehouses, if so, the details of the proposed number, time-frame and revenue sources for the same; and

(d) whether it is also proposed to ease the multiple regulatory requirements to improve the viability of agro warehousing as a business?

**Rottening of foodgrains at FCI godowns**

3895. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report of rotting foodgrains stock, in huge quantity, due to non-lifting of stock and alleged poor storage in godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been received;

(b) if so, the details of quantity and price of spoiled/rotten foodgrains, State-wise including Punjab and Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether any inquiry is being conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken to stop such wastage in future and to compensate the farmers?

**Implementation of "One Nation-One Ration Card" Scheme**

3896. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for "One Nation-One Ration Card" Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether many States have opposed the proposal, including Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any meet of CMs of all States is to be held in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Mega Food Parks in the country**

3897. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the 'Mega Food Parks' for which Government gave approval have become operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons why 'Mega Food Parks' are non-operational, State-wise?

#### **World Food India Programme**

†3898. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's food processing sector, which was worth ₹ 24,665 billion in 2018, has the potential to touch ₹ 50,000 billion by 2024, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of preparations by Government for organizing World Food India Programme from 1 to 4 November, 2019 to increase the investment in food processing sector; and

(c) the details of the countries which are expected to participate in this event and the targeted value of business/MoU therein?

#### **Food processing industries in Kerala**

3899. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing industries running in the State of Kerala, location-wise;

(b) the nature of processing being done in such industries; and

(c) the number of employees in each such industry?

#### **Scope for development of food processing sector**

3900. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per an estimate, around 40 per cent of total food production is wasted due to inadequate facilities for transportation, storage, processing and marketing, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a huge scope for the development of food processing sector if these deficiencies are addressed; and

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

#### **Growth rate of FPIs**

3901. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent meeting of Governing Council of NITI Aayog, it was felt that food processing industries should grow at a faster rate;

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(b) if so, whether Government would like to review the existing growth rate of the industry and provide some additional thrust for its faster growth; and

(c) if so, the details of action plan therefor?

**Subsidy for establishing CA storages in Jammu and Kashmir**

3902. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides subsidy for establishment of Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storages in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of CA storages established in the State; and

(c) whether the subsidy can be availed through the Ministry for CA storages below 2000 metric tonnes capacity?

**Involving private sector for pre-cooling and chilled storage**

3903. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to stop food losses and address hunger by changing distribution strategies and using technology;

(b) whether Government also has any plan to involve private sector companies to provide pre-cooling and chilled storage from farm to consumer; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Shortage of staff for conducting survey of functioning of panchayats**

3904. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of surveys undertaken by Government in Punjab to assess the functioning of Panchayati Raj institutions;

(b) whether there is acute shortage of staff to undertake such surveys; and

(c) the sanctioned strength of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the steps taken to fill up the vacancies in near future?

**Works executed in the State of Jammu and Kashmir**

3905. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the actual amount of money allocated by the Ministry to the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the past three years and the current year;

(b) the detailed list of works executed by the State of Jammu and Kashmir during last year, district-wise; and

(c) the manner in which such works are taken up by the departments, particularly in districts of Kulgam, Anantnag, Shopian and Pulwama in the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

**Implementation of RGSA**

3906. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to start Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA);

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding objectives set for RGSA;
- (d) whether any financial allocation has been made for this purpose in the recent budget; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Grants for various schemes in  
Karnataka**

3907. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:  
Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ  
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of grants released under various schemes of the Ministry to the State of Karnataka in the last four years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise;
- (b) whether grants are released in time during the above period;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the status of implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA) in Karnataka since its implementation, district-wise?

**Schemes to provide pure drinking  
water**

†3908. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) detail of schemes under which pure

drinking water has been made available to rural settlements during last 5 years by the Ministry;

- (b) whether the Ministry is considering to speed up such schemes given the present drought conditions;

(c) number of settlements getting piped drinking water supply by the Ministry in the States/districts where water is polluted and the number of settlements in the country at present where pipe lines are yet to be laid; and

- (d) details of the States of the country where Nitrate, Phosphate, Carbon toxins, Polycyclic-aromatic Hydrocarbons, Flouride, Boron particles and Arsenic are found in ground water?

**Demands of TTEs to the  
Ministry**

3909. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY  
VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of  
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Train Ticket Examiners (TTEs) in the country, zone-wise;

(b) the details of each of the demand of the TTEs submitted to the Ministry;

- (c) the reasons for not-considering TTEs as 'running staff';

(d) whether it is a fact that 100 MPs including some of the Union Ministers, have petitioned to the Ministry to fulfil the demands of TTEs; and

- (e) if so, the action taken by the Ministry on the petition?

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### Investment in Railways

3910. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to invest ₹ 50 lakh crore in Railways by the year 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to make Indian Railways the best in the world; and

(d) if so, the plans thereof?

### New trains to Kerala

3911. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Trains that have been started to Kerala during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the coaches in trains operating for Kerala are old coaches; and

(c) whether Railways would start a Varanasi-Trivandrum train on urgent basis?

### Handing over of operation of Tejas Express to private operators

†3912. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to hand over the operation of Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express to private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the trains other than this which are proposed to be handed over to private sector; and

(d) the details of the new facilities to be provided by private operators in this train and whether the fare of the train would be under the jurisdiction of the Ministry or private operators?

### Laying of new rail line from Azamgarh to Sagri

†3913. SHRI SAKALDEEP RAJBHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey had been conducted by the Ministry for laying of new railway line from Azamgarh to Sagri *via* Jiyanpur, Dohrighat, Madhuban, Belthara Road, Sikanderpur, Maniyar, Bansdih, Sahatwar, Bakulha Ghat and to Suraimanpur;

(b) whether laying of the said new railway line on the basis of said survey is under consideration of the Ministry;

(c) if so, by when the work of laying of the said rail line would begin; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider to include this work in its new action plan on priority basis for its execution?

### Redevelopment of Matunga property of Railways

3914. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MoU has been signed between RLDA and DRP-SRA to redevelop Matunga property of Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms and conditions in MoU;

(c) whether property would be developed by private developer or Government;

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(d) procedure of awarding contract for redevelopment;

(e) total area of Railway land all over the country in acres, State-wise, with present value;

(f) the reason of not exploiting FSI and TDR available above railway track as it was done by Konkan Railway and CIDCO; and

(g) whether Government has taken policy decision to commercially exploit railway land, in seventy divisions across the country?

#### **Electrification of track and gauge conversion**

3915. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure electrification of all railway tracks by 2022;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated in the previous year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to convert all viable rail tracks to broad gauge by 2022; and

(d) if so, the details of funds allocated in the previous year, State-wise?

#### **On board housekeeping of trains**

3916. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/is taking steps to augment 'On Board Housekeeping Services' (OBHS) on all trains across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has included water filling and keeping the running trains neat and clean under the 'On Board House keeping facility';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Late running of train on Ranchi and Hatia railway stations**

†3917. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that departure time of many trains is being delayed from Ranchi and Hatia railway stations due to the shortage of coaches and generator cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the total number of coaches, generator cars and SLR guard bogies available and required respectively at Ranchi Railway Division and the reasons for the shortage of the said resources?

#### **EMU trains in the country**

†3918. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to increase the number of Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the number of EMU trains proposed to be increased in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Establishment of pathology centre at  
Central Hospital of NER**

‡3919. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to establish  
pathology centre in the Central Hospital  
of North-Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the place where it is proposed  
to be established;

(c) whether it is planned to set up at  
Gorakhpur Central Hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Introduction of new trains  
from Delhi**

3920. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the  
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government proposes to  
introduce Vande Bharat Express between  
Delhi and Katra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the tentative date by which the said  
train is expected to roll out;

(d) whether the Ministry has received  
any proposal from Government of NCT  
of Delhi to introduce new trains from Delhi;  
and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and the  
Ministry's response thereto, proposal-  
wise?

**Allocation of funds for railway works  
in Odisha**

3921. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the  
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to  
state:

(a) the amount of funds spent for the  
Koraput to Nabarangpur and Koraput to  
Malkangiri new railway lines over the past  
two years;

(b) the reasons for the delay in  
completing the Khurda-Bolangir railway  
line in Odisha;

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned and  
spent in Odisha over the past five years,  
the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) the amount of revenue collected by  
Central Government from Odisha over the  
past five years, the details thereof,  
year-wise?

**Monitoring of quality and hygiene in  
catering services**

3922. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-  
BUDDHE: Will the Minister of  
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of grievances related to  
catering services that were received by  
Centralised Catering Services Monitoring  
Cell (CSMC) in the past five years and the  
number of them that were resolved;

(b) the number of regular and surprise  
inspections conducted by Railway officials  
in the past two years for monitoring of  
quality and hygiene, the details of the penal  
actions taken like imposition of fines or  
termination of contract; and

(c) the details of NABCB-accredited

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auditing agencies currently associated with Railways for conducting third party audit of the catering services?

#### **Shortage of rails**

3923. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of rails has been bothering Railways for quite some time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is shortfall as against the demand of 15 lakh tonnes of rails, only half of thereof is available; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Railways to meet the gap between demand and supply?

#### **Procurement of rail for track renewal**

3924. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways has floated a global tender for 4.5 lakh metric tonnes of rails;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways has awarded the supply order in this regard; and

(d) the time schedule fixed by Railways for delivery as the rails are urgently required by Railways for track renewals?

#### **Proposals of railway work received from Gujarat**

†3925. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work proposals for Railways which Government has received from Gujarat during last three years, proposal-wise;

(b) the response of Government thereto and the action taken thereon so far; and

(c) the number of proposals from Gujarat still pending with the Railways at present, the details thereof, place and work-wise?

#### **Electrification of broad gauge lines**

3926. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification of broad gauge railway lines in the country is still pending; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increasing frequency of Delhi-Kanpur weekly express**

3927. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to operate Train No. 14152 (Anand Vihar Terminal-Kanpur Central), a weekly train at present, on daily basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would make Train No. 14724 halt at Gursahaiganj Railway Station (GHJ) atleast for five minutes in view of the difficulties being faced by passengers while boarding and de-boarding the trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Proposals for redevelopment of railway infrastructure**

3928. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received proposals/representations from various organisations/road users as well as from the Government of Maharashtra for the further development of railway infrastructures and its facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, proposal-wise;

(c) whether Railways have approved all these proposals, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the pending proposals, if any, would be approved?

**Utilisation of unused railway land for solar power generation**

†3929. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to establish solar power projects to utilise the unused land of Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering to hire lands of farmers which are lying unutilised due to scarcity of water, for the establishment of solar power projects;

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

(e) the details of the time limit fixed for the completion of the establishment of such projects?

**Allocation of funds to divisions and States**

†3930. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for various schemes during the last three years, division-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the revenue earned by the Railways, division-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government has made a provision in the budget for the States to spend the amount in proposition to revenue received, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is considering to make a provision for providing higher amount of funds to the divisions earning higher revenue, if so, the details thereof?

**Rail line from Baramulla to Kupwara**

3931. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to start work on railway line from Baramulla to Kupwara in Jammu and Kashmir during the year 2019-20;

(b) whether the work has been started, if so, the present status thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time limit for completion of the project?

**Re-classification of railway stations**

3932. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minor and major railway stations in Telangana;

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(b) whether it is a fact that review of classification of stations is done, once in every five years, on the basis of annual passenger earnings;

(c) if so, the details of stations that have been reviewed in the last fifteen years and upgraded/downgraded on the basis of review; and

(d) the details of stations that have been re-classified on the basis of review?

#### **Rail projects in Punjab**

3933. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sanctioned and already ongoing rail projects in Punjab, at present;

(b) the status of each project; and

(c) by when the work on sanctioned projects are likely to be taken up?

#### **Inconvenience to passengers due to construction work on platforms**

†3934. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work with regard to Dedicated Freight Corridor Project of Western Railway is likely to be completed;

(b) whether Government has made any arrangements for easy movement of passengers who face difficulty in moving from one platform to another due to construction work on platforms; and

(c) whether it is a fact that water gets logged in curved underpasses constructed by the Railways?

#### **Privatisation of sections of Railways**

3935. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to privatise some sections of the Railways; and

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

#### **Bullet train service between Delhi and Rajasthan**

†3936. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train services started in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years and the details thereof, year-wise;

(b) whether Government plans to start superfast bullet trains in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Railways is considering to introduce bullet train between Alwar district in Rajasthan and Delhi; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Staff strength in Railways**

3937. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that operations of trains are in a fix due to the lack of sufficient number of employees in Railways, if so, the steps taken to solve the issues;

(b) the details of recruitment conducted in Southern Railways during the period

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2014-19, category and division-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of total staff strength, filled and vacant, of different categories in Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkadu Divisions?

#### **Electrification of railway lines in Kerala**

3938. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electrification of railway lines and achievement made so far;

(b) the total length of rail lines on which the work of electrification has been completed and the details of the lines on which electrification work is pending in Kerala; and

(c) the time required and other requirements to complete the total electrification of lines in Kerala?

#### **Electrification of Konkan Railway**

†3939. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been formulated for electrification of all railway lines in Konkan Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of progress made so far in the said works?

#### **Development of Konkan Railway**

†3940. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of establishing Konkan Railway;

(b) the works undertaken towards achieving the objectives of Konkan Railway, the work-wise details thereof; and

(c) the difficulties being faced in the development works of Konkan Railway and the manner in which Government has resolved these difficulties?

#### **Provision of rail services envisaged for Madhya Pradesh in Budget 2019-20**

†3941. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the various provisions including new rail passenger services envisaged with respect to Madhya Pradesh under different heads of Union Budget 2019-20, in the context of Railways?

#### **Details of various provisions for railway envisaged in Budget 2019-20**

†3942. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the class-wise details of expansions made in all classes of rail passenger services in the Budget of year 2019-20 and also the details of provisions made for providing the hygienic food and clean bedding to the passengers during their journey and details of the provisions made for the cleanliness, safety and upgradation of the modalities of maintenance of the railway stations; and

(b) the details of announcements made in the past during visit of Minister of

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Railways to Ujjain and Indore and measures taken to fulfil each of those announcements made?

**Introduction of more Vande Bharat Express trains**

‡3943. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch ten more 'Vande Bharat Express' trains during the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether the routes have been finalised for these trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would consider to introduce a 'Vande Bharat Express' train for the highly busy Delhi-Patna train route?

**Railway projects in Maharashtra**

3944. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects under implementation in the State of Maharashtra along with years of sanction of the projects, original costs of projects, revised costs of projects, as on date, fund released so far and spent on each project in the State;

(b) the reasons for the delay, if any, in completion of these projects, project-wise; and

(c) by when these railway projects are likely to be completed?

**Safai karamchari employed in Railways**

3945. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to identify the number of safai karamchari working at the railway stations and other railway establishments in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, how many of them are railway employees and how many have been contractually employed by third party agencies;

(c) whether Government has received complaints of exploitation of contractual safai karamchari by the third party agencies in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon?

**Review of security in trains**

3946. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data of crimes committed in running trains during last three years, if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government has reviewed lack of proper security in running trains; and

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

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**Equipping railway coaches with LHB coaches**

3947. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains in the country equipped with Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches so far;

(b) the time-frame proposed by Government for equipping all the major long distance trains by LHB coaches for additional safety; and

(c) whether Government proposes to equip all the trains with LHB coaches and if so, the details thereof?

**Investment in rail infrastructure**

3948. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rail infrastructure in the country has increased by a mere 30 per cent in the past 65 years due to the lack of adequate investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total investment made by Government for rail infrastructure during the last five years since 2014?

**Rail accidents between Singapur and Keutaguda**

3949. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three railway employees were killed in a freak accident on account of head on collision with a track

maintenance tower car between Singapur and Keutaguda stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that engine of the train had caught fire due to the collision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Passenger amenities at small town railway stations**

3950. DR. L. HANUMAN-  
THAIAH:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways maintain a standard quality of passengers amenities at small town railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways have formulated any action plan to improve passenger amenities in the country as a whole; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Corporatisation of production units of the Railways**

†3951. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

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is considering to make some of the railway production units as corporations;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) whether these units are not working as per their capacity at present;

(d) whether there would be any change in the service conditions of the employees of the said units if they are rechristened as corporations;

(e) the details of units which are being considered to be made corporations; and

(f) whether these units are in profit or loss making?

#### **Replacement of old coaches with new coaches**

3952. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been conducted to evaluate the life of old coaches needing repairs and improvement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Railways to replace old coaches with new and improved version coaches in all Mail and Express trains in the country; and

(d) the number of complaints that have been received due to defective coaches in superfast trains in the last three years and the action taken thereon by the Railways?

#### **Vacant posts in Railways**

3953. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts are lying vacant in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise; and

(c) by when Government plans to fill up these posts?

#### **Availability of quality food at stations and in trains**

†3954. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Railways to provide healthy and quality catering services to railway passengers on payment basis at railway stations and in all the passenger trains, according to their speed; and

(b) the details of special arrangements alongwith action plan of Railways to make 'good food fair price' campaign effective?

#### **Provision of CUG mobile connections to railway employees**

†3955. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees who have been provided with CUG mobile connections by the Railways, the details thereof including respective mobile network operator;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railways have provided its CUG mobile connection to JIO company;

(c) if so, the details thereof, figure-wise; and

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(d) the details of the profit or loss caused to the Railways by means of providing its CUG mobile connection to JIO company?

**Movement of wheels of coaches for overhauling by road**

‡3956. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road transport is used to carry the wheels of coaches/ wagons to the workshop for periodic overhauling;

(b) if so, the details of the transit expenditure made thereon;

(c) whether the transit work is done by the Railways as well; and

(d) if so, the difference, increase or decrease, in terms of cost involved for road transport and train transit, the details thereof?

**Roads built under PMGSY**

3957. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads built under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last year, State-wise;

(b) the details of financial incentives given for best performing States, State-wise; and

(c) the details of parameters for determining the best performing States?

**Desert Development Programme**

3958. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of the country's commitment to achieve land degradation neutrality by 2030, it witnessed an increase of 1.87 million hectares undergoing process of desertification;

(b) if so, the district-wise details of area under desertification or land degradation and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that no funds have been allocated under the budgets of 2018-19 and 2019-20 for Desert Development Programme (DDP); and

(d) the steps taken by Government to utilise substantial funds lying with States, such as Andhra Pradesh (37.52), Haryana (16.40) and Rajasthan (105.17) crores, as on March, 2017?

**Revision in ratio of expenditure under PMGSY for Uttar Pradesh**

‡3959. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to revise the fixed (expenditure) Center-State share of 60:40 ratio to erstwhile 100:00 or 90:10, as per the new rule of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), having recognised Uttar Pradesh as a State of special priority, on the lines of North-Eastern Hilly States;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to

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implement PMGSY scheme on 2021 Census, which is currently based on the Census of 2011; and

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

**Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran  
Pariyojana**

3960. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana;

(b) the current status of implementation of Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana *vis-a-vis* the targets, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of collaboration with external agencies for the scheme?

**Construction of roads under PMGSY  
in Telangana**

3961. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of length of roads constructed under PMGSY during last four years in Telangana, district-wise;

(b) number of villages yet to be connected with roads in Telangana;

(c) whether there is any concrete plan for connecting all villages under the said scheme;

(d) whether Government plans to build climate resilient roads using green technologies;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time

by which the task is likely to be completed; and

(f) whether Government and the World Bank has signed a \$500 million loan agreement to provide additional funding to PMGSY to provide all-weather road connectivity to unconnected villages?

**Funds allocated to Jammu and  
Kashmir under MGNREGA**

3962. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is liability to Central Government in MGNREGA funds allocated to Jammu and Kashmir from last three years;

(b) if so, the details of liabilities; and

(c) the action taken to clear liabilities of Jammu and Kashmir in MGNREGA?

**Pending payments to Andhra Pradesh  
under MGNREGA**

3963. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is to release several crores of rupees under MGNREGA to Andhra Pradesh since the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including reasons for pendency; and

(c) the funds claimed by the State and released so far during the last four years under this programme?

**Connecting habitations under PMGSY**

3964. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a good progress in connecting eligible habitations under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of habitations connected under the programme along with the details of kilometers of roads laid?

**Spending on MGNREGA**

3965. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the spending on MGNREGA, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof;

(b) the total employment opportunities created and the details of infrastructure activities taken up, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for slack in demand, despite high unemployment rates?

**Challenges in implementation of MGNREGA**

3966. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the challenges in implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Scheme in the country;

(b) the details thereof along with reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has received recommendations from the National Advisory Council regarding effective implementation of the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to remove the bottlenecks in implementation of the scheme?

**Central assistance to Odisha for watershed projects**

3967. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Central Government would take necessary steps for release of Central assistance for smooth completion of 76 watershed projects, as after exclusion of 76 projects (38 Clusters of Batch-V and 38 Clusters of Batch-VI) from Central assistance under WDC-PMSKY (Ref: DoLR letter no. Z-11011/32/2014-PCC, dated 01.08.2018) and non-sanctioning of new projects since 2015, the watershed activities are tapering down in Odisha, which is a predominantly rainfed State?

**Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana in Uttar Pradesh**

3968. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any kind of industries have been set up under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana for creation of employment in Uttar Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and  
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Delay in payment of wages under  
MGNREGA**

3969. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any delay in payment of wages under MGNREGA over the last four years;

(b) whether compensation has been provided in each case of delay, if so, State-wise details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that MGNREGA wages in 18 States are pegged at less than the minimum wages; and

(d) if so, whether Ministry would take steps to revise the wages upwards?

**Law to regulate funding of NGOs**

3970. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recommended that the Central Government should enact a law to regulate the funding of NGOs with public money and penalise them for fraudulent activities;

(b) if so, the steps that have been taken so far in this regard to regulate the illegal activities of such NGOs; and

(c) the total number of NGOs against which action has been taken, so far, in the last three years?

**Schemes for development of rural  
areas**

3971. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

DR. L.

HANUMANTHAIAH:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI HARNATH SINGH

YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being undertaken by Government for ensuring the holistic development of the rural areas;

(b) whether the targets/milestones fixed under various schemes for rural areas have been achieved by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons for missing the timelines and the measures taken by Government for meeting the revised timelines?

**Re-formation of rural India**

†3972. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of key dimensions of the concept of re-formation of rural India along with the action plan, expenditure and time-bound programme to complete each of them?

**Generation of employment  
opportunities**

3973. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been

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imparted skill development training, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the employment opportunities created in the country in the last five years due to the Ministry's initiatives; and

(c) the proposed employment opportunities that would be generated in the country due to its initiatives in the next five years?

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