

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

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Cold storage and warehousing facilities in Uttar Pradesh

1921 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of schemes being run to strengthen cold storage facilities and warehousing infrastructure in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to strengthen cold storages and warehousing facilities in the districts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, along with the fund allocated and utilized in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of schemes for doubling farmers' income

1922 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised during 2020-21 till date to double farmers' income in the country, State-wise and scheme-wise;
- (b) the details of schemes launched/being run to increase farmers' income during 2020-21 along with the details of allocation therefor, scheme-wise; and
- (c) the details of schemes being run for women farmers in the country, State-wise?

Research on 'Kala Namak' variety of rice

1923 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether any research is being conducted for the world famous historical variety of rice named "Kala Namak", which has earned 'GI' tag, and is selected for Siddharth Nagar District under 'One District-One Product' Programme (ODOP)' of Uttar Pradesh Government, in the light of being in cultivation since Buddhism era, and despite being world famous for its taste and aroma no adequate research has been conducted on this variety of rice which is urgent in view of climate change; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Fraud under PM-KISAN scheme

1924 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries for PM-KISAN, installment-wise and whether there has been any decrease in the number of beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with details of excluded beneficiaries due to errors, State-wise;
- (c) whether CAG audit is being conducted on the PM-KISAN scheme which has reported scams/frauds in many States such as Assam and Tamil Nadu among other States, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government intends to recover amounts credited to ineligible persons under PM-KISAN, if so, the details thereof?

Issues with respect to Agristack

1925 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has been working on building an Agristack, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any public consultations have been held by the Ministry regarding Agristack and whether any farmers' groups have been part of this consultation;
- (c) the current status of the Agristack and the organizations involved in building Agristack; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Implementation of PM-KISAN scheme

1926 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

the following details on PM-Kisan scheme, since 2019, State/UT/year-wise;

- (a) the number of total beneficiaries;
- (b) funds allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and received by beneficiaries;
- (c) the number and proportion of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Caste/women farmers who have received benefits;
- (d) the farm size of farmers who have received benefits;
- (e) the number of ineligible beneficiaries who have received benefits, and amount disbursed to them;
- (f) the reasons for disbursement of benefits to ineligible beneficiaries; and
- (g) the steps taken by Government to prevent such disbursement and recover these amounts, and amount recovered so far, and if not, reasons therefor?

Allocation for R&D in agriculture

1927 **Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:**

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

- (a) the annual income earned by Government from agricultural sector during the last three

years;

(b) the percentage, out of the above, spent on Research and Development (R&D) work in the agricultural sector during each of the last three years;

(c) whether various Committees on agricultural reforms have recommended allocation of one per cent of Gross Domestic Product in agricultural sector and R&D; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Implementation of stalled schemes due to COVID-19 pandemic

1928 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Chh. Udayanraje Bhonsle:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

(a) the quantum of funds which remained unspent under different schemes run by the Ministry during last year due to COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(c) whether the development under the said schemes has been stalled in the respective areas where schemes are run, in case funds allocated has not been spent for the development, protection and promotion of the objectives of the said schemes;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to compensate for this and to run these schemes more effectively; and

(e) the details thereof?

Implementation of Agricultural schemes in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1929 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

the allocation and utilisation of funds under different schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture in Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the last five years, year-wise?

Implementation of Centrally sponsored schemes for promoting agriculture

1930 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented to promote agriculture in the country;

(b) the details of the amount of funds allocated and utilized in this regard during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether some proposals received from the State Governments are pending with the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto, State-wise?

Financial assistance to farmers during COVID-19 lockdown

1931 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

(a) whether farmers have got financial assistance during COVID-19 lockdown under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN); and

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

Setting up of Turmeric Board in Telangana

1932 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Turmeric is one of the most important crops in the country;
- (b) the regions where Turmeric is grown and the steps taken to ensure remunerative price for Turmeric crop;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up Turmeric Board in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any proposals have been received in this regard so far, if so, the details thereof?

Distribution of agricultural land to landless farmers

1933 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made any attempt to distribute agricultural land to landless farmers in the country during the last five years; and
- (b) if so, the details of agricultural land given to landless farmers?

Agri India Hackathon to accelerate innovations in agriculture

1934 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government had recently organized an Agri India Hackathon to accelerate innovations in the field of agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of such innovations that were selected under such initiative?

Use of technology to address locust attack

1935 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) whether Government has used any new technologies to address the recent problem of locust attack;
- (b) if so, the new technologies i.e., drones, artificial intelligence etc., that Government used to deal with the locust attack in the country and the impact of these technologies; and
- (c) the major stakeholders involved in the management of new technologies to address the locust problem, the details thereof?

Achievement under BGREI Programme

1936 **Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry under the programme for Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the allocation and utilization of funds for implementing BGREI during the last five years, State-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether the Ministry is intending to expand coverage of the programme to crops other than wheat and rice;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of targets set and achieved under this programme during the last five years, State-wise?

Assistance under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

1937 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started release of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) assistance;
- (b) if so, the details of beneficiaries to whom the funds under AIF are sanctioned/allocated so far, State-wise;
- (c) the amount of such fund/assistance sanctioned/allocated to each of such beneficiaries;
- (d) the details of applicants who have applied for the funds under AIF, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of corporate entities and farmers' cooperatives/producer companies who have received fund/assistance from AIF so far?

Legislation on contract farming

1938 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is formulating a legislation on contract farming;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;
- (c) the manner in which the proposed legislation supplements and compliments the agriculture trade by farmers in physical and electronic trade; and
- (d) to what extent these measures would help to double the farmers' income by 2022?

Support to Karnataka for production of pulses, foodgrains and edible oils

1939 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details of projects carried out to support and improve production of pulses, foodgrains and essential edible oils in Karnataka;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the above purpose during the last five years;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate financial, logistic and technical support to Karnataka to improve production of pulses, foodgrains and essential edible oils; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the above purpose during the last five years?

Working capital for farmers

1940 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the details of the proposed ₹ 30,000 crores working capital for farmers through NABARD;
- (b) the details of farmers who are going to be benefitted, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase the input subsidy of ₹ 2,000 being given to farmers; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Importance of bio-fertilizers

1941 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the manner in which bio-fertilizers are useful when compared to conventional fertilizers;
- (b) whether bio-fertilizers help in soil fertility and make it biologically alive;
- (c) the reasons that bio-fertilizers available in the market have low count of micro-organisms;
- (d) the efforts being made by Government to address the issue;
- (e) whether it is a fact that well-qualified microbiologists are also not available;
- (f) if so, the efforts being made by Government to increase the pool of well-qualified microbiologists; and
- (g) whether BIS certification is not available for all bio-fertilizers and, if so, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of PMFBY in Rajasthan

1942 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

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

- (a) the details of crop insurance amount provided to the beneficiary farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Rajasthan during the last two years, district-wise;
- (b) whether crops are also insured by private companies under PMFBY; and
- (c) the policy efforts being made by Government to provide information and to train farmers about PMFBY?

Research in organic farming

1943 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for carrying out study in development of organic farming activities;
- (b) if so, the details of such study and steps taken for its implementation;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any action plan for the production of organic manure, fertilizers and organic pesticides in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has any plan to include organic farming as a subject in agricultural education curriculum; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Waiving of farmers' loan

1944 # **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) the details of farmers whose loans were waived off by the Central and State Governments during the years 2016 to 2020, State-wise and year-wise along with the details of other agricultural schemes under which concessions were given; and
- (b) whether the electricity bill of the farmers has been waived off, if so, the number of such farmers?

Increase in assistance for Kharif crops

1945 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) whether in the Kharif crops, the amount of assistance for the year 2017-2018 has been increased by the Central Government; and
- (b) if so, the amount of assistance outstanding and by when the payment would be made?

Impact of assistance provided under PM-KISAN scheme during lockdown

1946 # **Shri Arun Singh:**

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

- (a) whether the amount of assistance provided under the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)' scheme has proved to be of huge help in procuring agricultural resources for small and marginal farmers of the country;
- (b) whether the country's agricultural production was not impacted even during the challenging period of COVID-19; and
- (c) if so, whether any 'cause and effect study' has been conducted by Government regarding PM-KISAN scheme and the increase in agricultural production to find out the contribution of the said scheme towards increased agricultural production during the said phase which was rife with difficulties?

Use of e-NAM platform by farmers

1947 # **Shri Arun Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of farmers who used e-NAM platform to sell their agricultural produces in the current financial year 2020-21;
- (b) the major crops for which e-NAM platforms have been used most by the farmers; and
- (c) the difference between the price received through e-NAM and the price received from the nearest mandi by the farmers?

Suggestions for improving PMFBY

1948 **Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi:**

Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Government had held a stakeholders meeting on the completion of five years of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments were consulted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether the State Governments have submitted any suggestions for the improvement of the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Cotton production in the country

1949 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) the efforts of the Central Government to start good cotton practices in the country and in Gujarat;

- (b) the vision of the Central Government to increase cotton production in the next five years in the country and the technological, financial and institutional help provided by the Central Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government would approve setting up of Centre for Cotton Excellence in Gujarat to boost cotton production?

Promoting FPOs in Maharashtra

1950 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives for promoting of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in Maharashtra and the total number of FPOs in Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (b) the funds given for setting up of FPOs in Maharashtra, especially in Aurangabad district and Marathwada region;
- (c) whether Government has encouraged more farmers to set up a greater number of FPOs to provide better services to farmers in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the response of the farmers in this regard; and
- (e) the total number of farmers who are availing benefits of various agricultural schemes in Maharashtra?

Request to waive off farmers' debt

1951 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has requested the Ministry of Finance to waive the debt of farmers and allow them to make a new beginning; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural credit to farmers

1952 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) the disbursal of agricultural credit to farmers in 2019–2020, State-wise;
- (b) the size/class of farmers who have benefited from agricultural credit and the quantum of credit for each class during 2019–2020, State-wise;
- (c) the amount of agricultural credit which was planned to be disbursed during 2019–2020 across States and the actual disbursal in 2019–2020; and
- (c) the proportion of agricultural credit in the priority sector lending across States during 2019–2020?

Production and procurement of foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds

1953 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) the terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture during the last five years in the country;
- (b) the terms of trade during last year across the country;
- (c) the quantum of foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds produced in the country during the last five years; and
- (d) the quantum of foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds procured by Government from various States during the last five years?

Implementation of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation scheme in Uttar Pradesh

1954 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government would consider greater quantum of funds under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology) for Uttar Pradesh to meet the farm mechanisation demand; and
- (b) whether Government would also take steps to include straw baler under subsidy fold to prevent farmers from straw burning and for better post-harvest management?

Supply of generic manure, fertilizers and seeds at cheaper price

1955 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to make generic manure, fertilizers, seeds, etc., available to the farmers at cheaper prices by carrying out research in the agricultural sector on the lines of generic medicines, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received requests from public representatives in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Promotion of nutri-farming under RKVY

1956 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government is promoting nutri-farming and introducing new crop varieties that are bio-fortified food crops enriched with critical micro-nutrients under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds earmarked for the implementation of this project?

Use of banned pesticides in production of fruits and vegetables

1957 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note that certain banned pesticides are used for production of fruits, vegetables and other crops which have an adverse impact on human health, soil and livestock, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study to identify the level of pesticide residues in the fruits, vegetables and other crops, if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ban the use of harmful pesticides in the country?

Granting 'industry' status to agriculture

1958 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether there have been demands from concerned sections to grant 'industry' status to agriculture to push its growth;
- (b) if so, the details of each of the benefits being given to industry and agriculture during the

last five years;

(c) whether there are constraints that Government is facing in granting 'industry' status to agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay in granting industry status?

Steps taken to improve agricultural infrastructure

1959 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

(a) the steps being taken to improve agricultural infrastructure to produce more, while also conserving and processing agricultural output efficiently to ensure enhanced remuneration for farmers and earmark resources for this purpose; and

(b) the progress made in this regard during the last five years and the current year?

India's share on global production of cotton

1960 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India having almost 9 million cotton farmers as compared to 8100 cotton farmers in the United States (US), India's share in the global production remains significantly smaller as compared to the US;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that per farmer cotton support to an Indian cotton farmer is a mere \$27 as compared to the \$117,494 support to the US cotton farmer; and

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

Surveys on farmers' income

1961 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any annual surveys to measure farm and farmers' income in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the same including information on the current monthly farmers' income on an average vis-a-vis the monthly expenditure since the last five years, State-wise;

(c) if not, the details of manner in which Government intends to monitor the progress of its commitment and promise to double farmers' incomes in the country; and

(d) the details of financial aid provided to agricultural sector to overcome the loss incurred due to COVID-19 outbreak and lockdown, State-wise?

Prices of life-saving drugs

1962 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of life-saving drugs whose prices have been decreased recently by Government;

(b) the details of the decrease in prices in terms of percentage;

(c) whether Government proposes to decrease the prices of more life-saving drugs in the near future;

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

(e) the current status of the availability of generic medicines in the country?

Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-operative Ltd

1963 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Board of Management of Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-operative Ltd. (IFFCO) has illegally repatriated and retired equity contribution of Government in complete violation of Multi State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has initiated steps to restore its equity as early as possible;
- (c) if so, the present status of the case; and
- (d) whether Government would order a probe in the matter as the concerned Minister and Cabinet Secretariat were not consulted in the matter and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reduction in the cost of cancer medicines and drugs

1964 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the treatment cost of cancer is very high and beyond the reach of the common man;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to reduce the prices of cancer medicines by providing incentives to drug producers and waiving customs and excise duties on these drugs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of KAPL, Bengaluru

1965 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is reconsidering the disinvestment plan of profit making PSU-Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL), Bengaluru;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would reconsider the disinvestment plan of KAPL?

Common and affordable price for generic and branded medicines

1966 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would come forward to fix common affordable price for both generic and branded medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL)

1967 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that for achieving self-sufficiency in fertilizer production, Government has taken the initiative to resume production from HURL's closed fertilizer plants, if so, details of the likely time frame for commencement of production in all the plants and

production capacity thereof;

(b) the direct and indirect employment likely to be created due to recommissioning of these plants, particularly the Sindri fertilizer plant, details of recruitment policy therein; and
(c) whether a portion of vacant land in Dhanbad Municipal Corporation has been sought for public use which Government is considering to give at concessional rate?

Using of natural gas in fertilizer plants

1968 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to use natural gas as a fuel in place of Naptha in fertilizer plants of the country;
(b) if so, the details of the fertilizer plants in the country where natural gas is being used/ planned to be used in place of Naptha in the near future; and
(c) the positive changes to be brought about in terms of production cost and price of fertilizer, condition of pollution and safety at the workplace in case of using natural gas in place of Naptha, the details thereof?

New drug policy

1969 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a new drug policy;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) by when it is likely to be announced;
(d) from which date it is being implemented;
(e) the steps taken in that regard;
(f) whether any safeguards have been provided therein to control the rising prices of medicines and pharmaceutical products, particularly life-saving drugs; and
(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Janaushadhi Kendras

1970 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras currently running smoothly in the country and the extent to which cheap medicines are being provided to the poor through these Janaushadhi Kendras so far; and
(b) the amount of money thus saved by the patients so far, the details thereof?

Fertilizer subsidy for the year 2020-21

1971 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) the total fertilizer subsidy which the Government allocated in the year 2020-21 over and above the amount budgeted for the year;
(b) whether Government has any plan to roll out a scheme to transfer the subsidy directly to the bank accounts of farmers across the country, instead of financing manufacturers who at present sell at subsidized prices;
(c) if so, the details in this regard; and
(d) the steps that would be taken by Government to ensure that landowners do not pocket

the subsidy meant for farmers?

Price control of COVID-19 treatment drugs

1972 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to regulate the prices of drugs used for COVID-19 treatment;
- (b) how many generic versions of such drugs are being used in India and at what cost;
- (c) how many new licences have been granted to produce such generic drugs; and
- (d) besides price control, the other measures Government is taking to ensure accessibility and affordability of these drugs to the masses?

Medical Device Park in AURIC-Bidkin

1973 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted proposal to seek approval of grant-in-aid to the proposed development of Medical Device Park in 350 acres of land in AURIC-Bidkin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) by when the approval for the grant-in-aid would be sanctioned?

R&D on drugs for newly emerging diseases

1974 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any programme for research and development (R&D) on new drugs/vaccines for treatment of newly emerging diseases across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has constituted any inter-departmental Committee for R&D in pharmaceuticals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy on the price of urea

1975 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of ***Chemicals and Fertilizers*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the subsidy on prices of urea in various forms including granules that is offered to farmers wishing to purchase such fertilisers, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware of loss of Nitrogen from soil on account of overuse of Urea and other chemical fertilisers and subsequent overuse of the same fertilisers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons for continued subsidy on Urea and other subsidised chemical fertilisers; and
- (d) the current or proposed status of subsidies on organic fertilisers to counteract deleterious effects of overused chemical fertilisers?

Setting up of a fertilizer factory by HFCL

1976 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that fertilizer factory with a capacity of 12.7 lakh tonnes per annum is being set up in 420 acres of land at Barauni in Bihar under Hindustan Fertilizer and Chemicals Ltd. (HFCL) at a cost of ₹ 7043.26 crore;
- (b) whether it is a fact that even 50 percent construction of this fertilizer factory has not been completed; and
- (c) if so, the details of its cost, progress of construction and by when the factory would start operation?

Development of PCPIR at Paradeep

1977 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) Policy at present envisages Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under PPP mode;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government has received a proposal from the Government of Odisha for funding in the form of grant instead of VGF for successful implementation of the PCPIR project at Paradeep; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Toy clusters

1978 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Shri Om Prakash Mathur:

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

- (a) whether Indian toy market has often been dependent on imports from China but the policy of Government is to become self reliant by making indigenous toys and make Indian toy industry export oriented; and
- (b) whether Government is working on any plan of establishing toy clusters, if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Export Development Fund mechanism to increase exports

1979 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the concern about falling exports of the country which have shown downward trend during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of export organizations which benefitted through Export Development Fund created for this purpose; and
- (d) whether the implementation of Export Development Fund mechanism has shown any positive impact to increase exports and earn foreign revenue to the country?

Transport aid for industrial activities to land-locked States

1980 # **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government grants inland transport aid for industrial activities to land-locked States;
- (b) if not, whether any proposal or correspondence has been made by the States in this regard; and
- (c) the response of Government on the said proposals/correspondence along with the details thereof?

Tough US stand against China

1981 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) how the Ministry looks at the positive signals given by US President that US's position would be tough and stronger with China for its abuses on trade, technology, human rights, etc.; and
- (b) to what extent this approach helps India for a better trade deal with US?

Growth in exports

1982 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- a) whether December Quarter witnessed growth in export from the country despite facing a severe crisis due to pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the projection of exports from the country in the remaining three months of the current financial year; and
- (d) whether Government has taken special measures not only to maintain the growth trend but also to increase exports by tapping newer markets?

Imports during COVID-19

1983 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether there has been a reduction in imports from China in 2020-21, if so, of which products and is India self-sufficient in these; and
- (b) whether there has been a reduction in imports from other nations due to Coronavirus pandemic, if so, the list of nations?

Non utilisation of land for SEZs

1984 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the area of land, out of the land acquired for the Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which is not being utilised at present along with the locations thereof in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) the reasons for the said land not being utilised for SEZs?

Scheme for assisting States in promotion of exports

1985 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to assist the States in promotion of exports, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) the details of total funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh for export promotion, sector and State-wise, during each of the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken by Government to engage the States in export promotion;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to improve the logistic constraints to achieve the export target of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) whether Government has also made provisions for tax rebate for promotion of exports, if so, the details thereof?

'Vocal for Local' campaign

1986 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched 'Vocal for Local' campaign to promote local brands and domestic manufacturing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds allocated in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has estimated the extent of effect caused by COVID-19 pandemic on industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether an acute decline has been reported in the trade activities including exports during lockdown, if so, the details thereof?

MoU with US on IPR

1987 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) the difference in Intellectual Property regime between India and the US;
- (b) how the recent MoU with US would help India in accessing information on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in other countries, including US;
- (c) whether US would help India in providing training, exchange experts, technical exchange, etc.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Opting out of RCEP Agreement

1988 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the reason for India coming out of the RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) Agreement in 2020;
- (b) whether it is a fact that several former diplomats and foreign policy experts have criticised this move;
- (c) if so, whether their concerns are justified;
- (d) the impact of this move on India's export/import; and
- (e) how does this step impact the flow of investments into the country?

Grant of initial investment to NIMZ

1989 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) whether the first phase of National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) in Kalinganagar, Jajpur district, Odisha has been granted the initial investment from Centre;

- (b) if so, the details of the initial amount released for avenues of investment; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misuse of facilities by companies under Export Promotion Scheme

1990 # **Shri Narayan Rane:**

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

- (a) the number of companies identified for the misuse of facilities extended to them under the Exports Promotion Scheme during last three years along with the number of companies against whom action has been taken;
- (b) the outcomes of such action;
- (c) the details of companies whose export code has been cancelled by Government on the basis of result received during last three years;
- (d) the number of companies put in the list of unapproved units; and
- (e) whether Government is not taking any punitive action for such criminal misuse of above facilities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical imports from China

1991 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the details of medical imports from China including Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), year-on-year, for the last three years;
- (b) the percentage of medical imports out of the total medical imports from China for the last three years; and
- (c) the percentage of defence imports including equipment from China in the last three years as a percentage of total defence imports?

Allocation of funds for projects under CSR

1992 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether Public Sector Undertakings 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?

Sale of duplicate products by e-Commerce site

1993 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government has noticed that complaints are growing from public about the cheating of people by selling duplicate and substandard products by an Indian e-Commerce site or company, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has noticed that the Indian e-Commerce site has been blacklisted as per the report of United States Trade Representatives, if so, the details of such e-Commerce site; and

(c) whether Government is likely to enact legislation to safeguard the interests of consumers against the exploitation by e-Commerce sites and companies, if so, the details thereof?

Steps for welfare of Tea and Coffee workers

1994 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

(a) the steps being taken for the welfare of Tea and Coffee workers, especially women and their children, in States in the last five years and the current year, and response received thereto; and

(b) whether Government has devised special scheme/s, if so, the details thereof and results yielded and if not, the reasons therefor?

New Foreign Trade Policy 2021-2026

1995 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Foreign Trade Policy 2021-2026 of India would come into effect on April 1, 2021 onwards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to set up district-wise Export Hubs across the country, including Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details of the number of Export Hubs planned to be set up in Tamil Nadu, district-wise; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to boost exports and reduce imports in the country?

Expenditure on hiring private godowns

1996 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

(a) the present storage capacity of FCI godowns;

(b) the amount of expenditure incurred on hiring private godowns during the last five years;

(c) whether the Ministry/FCI has done any audit of the expenditure incurred on this to determine whether private godowns were hired unnecessarily; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

Production and import of edible oils

1997 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

(a) the production of main edible oils during the last five years;

(b) the quantity of import of edible oils and the amount spent on import of edible oil during the last five years; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to reduce imports?

Procurement of foodgrains

1998 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) the quantity of foodgrains, particularly wheat and paddy, procured under MSP from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and the number of farmers who benefitted during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the assistance provided by the Central and State Governments to the farmers of these States during the same period; and
- (c) whether sufficient storage facilities are also available in these States?

Warehousing capacity in the country

1999 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) the total warehousing capacity in the country during the last five years;
- (b) the total wheat and rice production during the same period; and
- (c) whether the storage capacity is sufficient to store all the produces during the same period?

Access of PDS ration

2000 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that hunger and starvation has increased in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of number of families that are unable to access PDS ration due to non-availability of documents, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps Government has taken to ensure access to PDS ration even without documents;
- (d) whether Government plans to expand the items provided like cooking oil, milk powder, hygiene kits, etc., under PDS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of Ethanol from variety of foodstocks

2001 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether Ethanol could be produced from a variety of foodstocks based on food or non-food products other than sugarcane, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to constitute an Industry Working Group to check the feasibility of production of Ethanol from a variety of foodstocks, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for research and development on Ethanol Based Petrol (EBP) during the last three years and current year?

Eradication of hunger in the country

2002 Shri Bikash Ranjan:

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

the steps that have been taken by the Central Government to eradicate hunger in in the country and achieve a better rank in the United Nation's Global Hunger Index?

Enhancement of Ethanol distillation capacity

2003 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

(a) whether Government has recently notified the modified scheme to enhance Ethanol distillation capacity in the country for producing 1st Generation (1G) Ethanol from feed stocks cereals such as rice, wheat, barley, corn, sorghum, sugarcane, sugar beet etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has advised the State Governments to promote this scheme; and

(d) if so, whether the State Governments are being given any incentive to promote this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Creation of storage capacity

2004 Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:

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

(a) the deficit in procurement of foodgrains in the country and the expected time period by which the same will be filled;

(b) the details of existing capacity for storage of foodgrains along with details of creation of additional capacity in the last five years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of schemes and programmes which are run by the Ministry to encourage private players for creation of storage capacity in the country along with details of actual creation of storage capacity under these schemes during the last three years, State-wise?

Privatization of FCI

2005 Shri K.K. Ragesh:

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

(a) whether a proposal to privatize the Food Corporation of India (FCI) is under consideration; and

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

Production of Ethanol

2006 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

(a) the estimated and actual production of Ethanol in the country during last three years;

(b) whether Government's targets on production of Ethanol-blended-fuel are being met, if

so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ethanol produced from molasses instead of sugarcane is more useful and beneficial, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether production of Ethanol directly from sugarcane is permitted in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the names of major mills producing such Ethanol; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by Government to increase production of Ethanol and promote its usage in the country?

Rise in prices of daily needs

2007 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to high inflation the rate of vegetables and fruits, the poor people and workers are forced to pay higher prices against the corresponding 2017-18 period;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to spiraling prices in petrol and diesel, there is cascading effect on the prices of daily needs; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to control the price?

Menace of bogus ration cards in the country

2008 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government felt any necessity to completely weed out the menace of bogus ration cards while adopting the policy of 'One Nation One Ration Card';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any survey to identify bogus ration cards across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Legalization of hoarding of foodgrains under Essential Commodities Act

2009 **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

(a) whether Government has legalized hoarding of foodgrains under section 2 of the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 which was a criminal offence in the country for the last 65 years; and

(b) if so, the manner in which it would benefit the farmers?

Supply of substandard foodgrains under PDS

2010 # **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

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

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding distribution of inferior quality of foodgrains under Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, details thereof and the corrective steps taken during the last three years, State-

wise;

- (c) the quality standards fixed for various foodgrains under PDS, foodgrain-wise;
- (d) whether Government monitors the quality of foodgrains being distributed through PDS;
- (e) if so, details thereof along with the mechanism set up for this and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether any grievance redressal system is there with regard to quality of foodgrains being provided to beneficiaries under PDS, if so, details thereof?

Storage of foodgrains

2011 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) the policy of Government related to foodgrain storage for food security;
- (b) the details of foodgrains stored in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to collaborate with private sector for foodgrain storage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government is taking special measures to check the wastage of foodgrains during storage; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, along with details of funds spent on foodgrain storage during the last three years, State-wise?

Resolving consumer complaints

2012 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

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 has been increasing rapidly 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 State-wise, including Maharashtra; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to resolve the complaints and redress the grievances of consumers?

Grant-in-aid under the scheme of consumer awareness

2013 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested for grant-in-aid under the scheme of Consumer Awareness (Publicity) to the 103 organisations/Agencies/NGOs, who have PFMS registration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) by when the grant-in-aid fund would be provided to the State Government of Maharashtra?

Demand and supply of edible oil

2014 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the quantity of edible oil demand in the country in the last three years and in the current year;
- (b) the demand of edible oil met within the country and the quantity of edible oil imported during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of efforts made to fulfill all the demands in future within the country?

Storage facilities in the country

2015 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to create more storage facility in different States of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether private companies are also being considered for the purpose; and
- (c) the number of such private companies which have been permitted by Government during the last three years to provide storage facilities, the details thereof?

Foot and mouth disease control program

2016 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) the names of States along with the proposed amount of funds sought by them by forwarding a detailed action plan for implementation of 'Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme' to the Central Government, the details of the last two years; and
- (b) the amount of funds sanctioned by the Central Government to State Governments, and the amount pending to be sanctioned for States, in this regard?

Shortage of fodder due to flood and drought

2017 Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:

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

- (a) whether there has been an acute shortage of fodder due to recent flood and drought situation in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the quantity of fodder provided to various States during the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up fodder banks and provide fodder seed to each State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to deal with the problem of shortage of fodder?

Livestock antibiotic resistance crisis

2018 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that overuse of antibiotics in animals has led to the emergence of multidrug-resistant bacteria or 'superbugs', if so, details thereof;
- (b) if antibiotic resistance leads to deadly bacteria like MRSA, E. coli, and Salmonella, what measures are taken or planned to be taken by Government to curb this problem;
- (c) whether Government witnessed any negative health impacts passed on from animals to humans;
- (d) if so, details thereof and the remedial measures proposed; and

(e) the details of regulations proposed by Government in reducing the link between animal husbandry and antibiotic resistance?

Fisheries in riverine States

2019 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Chh. Udayanraje Bhonsle:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that more funds are being issued/released to the States having rivers for promoting fisheries;
- (b) the details of funds released for fisheries during the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that more funds are being utilised for fisheries in districts which are located on river banks; and
- (d) whether Government would consider such system where it would give more weightage and concession to States having less area under rivers for the purpose of reservoir construction and fisheries?

New fishing harbours and fisheries development

2020 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the estimated level of investment in the five major fishing harbours in Visakhapatnam, Kochi, Chennai, Paradip and Petuaghat announced in the Union Budget and its likely impact on economic activity;
- (b) the inland fishing harbours and fish landing centres along the banks of rivers and waterways announced in the Budget for development, the investment and timeframe thereof; and
- (c) the fisheries development projects approved for Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Assam, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) or other schemes of the Ministry?

Indigenous production of quality household utility goods

2021 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to encourage indigenous production of complete range of household goods, electrical and electronic items based upon the technology developed by Indian scientists and technologists at par with international standards to reduce dependence on imports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof mentioning the major fields;
- (c) whether Government proposes to introduce star rating of such manufactured items based upon their quality by establishing an independent body other than BIS; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women beneficiaries in fisheries sector schemes

2022 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of women beneficiaries under each scheme of fisheries sector

since 2017-18; and

(b) the specific physical targets for gender budgeting, State-wise?

Legislation for regulation and management of fisheries sector

2023 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether optimum utilization of the potential of fisheries sector is a priority for Government;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to identify the gap in legislation which hinders optimum utilization of the potential of fisheries sector; and
- (c) whether Government has plans to introduce a Bill to address the issue?

Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog

2024 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Shri Rajeew Satav:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of setting up Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog and the achievement of the Aayog since its inception;
- (b) the works done for the protection and promotion of indigenous species of cows under the 'Rashtriya Gokul Mission' in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of 'Gokul Grams' approved for Maharashtra under this Mission;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase the Gokul Grams under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by Government to protect and develop cattle population in the country and also conserve its indigenous breeds?

Schemes for unemployed youth to start business

2025 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) the details of such schemes being run by Government related to animal husbandry, fisheries and dairying sector under which unemployed youths are being encouraged to start small-scale businesses;
- (b) whether these businesses have been included in the Startup scheme; and
- (c) the procedure through which Government is providing financial assistance for infrastructure creation in this regard?

Chicken consumption due to bird flu

2026 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether chicken consumption has any connection to bird flu spread;
- (b) whether a significant drop in chicken consumption has been reported throughout India including West Bengal due to bird flu;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the poultry industry is making heavy losses due to flu and efforts being made by Government to educate or inform the people in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance from international organisations for development of FPIs

2027 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has sought assistance from international organisations including the World Bank, foreign countries and companies, both monetary and infrastructural or technological, for the development of food processing industries of the country since 2016 till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor individually;
- (c) the reaction of the said organisations/institutions/ countries/companies to this proposal;
- (d) the extent to which this would benefit the food processing industries sector of the country; and
- (e) whether Government has received any proposals from foreign countries to set up food parks in India, the details thereof?

Mega Food Park projects

2028 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) the total number of Mega Food Park projects approved by the Central Government, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all the Mega Food projects have been made operational at present;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the Mega Food Parks are operational at the earliest?

Quality standard enhancement in FPIs

2029 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any steps to enhance quality standards to match the international processed food standards;
- (b) if so, the steps undertaken by the Ministry to enhance quality standards in food processing; and
- (c) the details of cold chain storage expansion currently available in different States to facilitate food processing industries?

Allocation under PMKSY in Jharkhand

2030 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) the details of the amount allocated/released under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) to Jharkhand during the last three years;
- (b) whether the funds released are sufficient to achieve the desired objectives; and
- (c) if not, the response of Government thereon?

Efficiency of Food Processing Sector

2031 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) the details of agricultural and food products being processed in the country;

- (b) whether the country's share in the international food trade is very low and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve it;
- (c) whether the country's food processing industry is highly fragmented and dominated by the unorganised sector and if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the efficiency of the food processing sector in the country?

Steps taken to ensure Panchayat elections at regular intervals

2032 **Shri Bikash Ranjan:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

the steps that have been taken by the Central Government for taking the State Governments into confidence to conduct regular Panchayat elections at regular intervals to uphold the provisions of the Constitution?

Provision of Computers to Gram Panchayats

2033 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide at least one Computer in each Panchayat to achieve the goal of providing computer education at the village level;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof including the State of Rajasthan;
- (c) the State/UT-wise and year-wise details of the funds allocated to the State Governments, including Rajasthan during the last three years and the current financial year for the said purpose;
- (d) whether the funds provided for the said purpose are sufficient; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to increase the amount allocated for the said purpose?

Planning Board for every Gram Panchayat

2034 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would contemplate to add the provision in the Act to have Planning Board for every Panchayat by involving some technocrats and local elected representatives and non-elected officials to make perspective plans for villages, as Panchayats are vital organs of our democratic process and development and a significant part of funds are allotted to them;
- (b) whether Government would organise a study to explore the need for such Boards as mandatory; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is content with the present state of developmental planning by Panchayats?

Monitoring of railway funds

2035 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has been monitoring the railway funds which comprise of Capital Fund, Depreciation Reserve Fund and Development Fund during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated under each of the above categories which has been

fully utilized; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken for renewal, replacement, modernisation of assets, etc.?

Railway Minister's Welfare and Relief Fund

2036 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

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

(a) whether Government monitors the voluntary contributions by employees towards the Railway Minister's Welfare and Relief Fund (RMW&RF), providing for financial assistance in times of distress;

(b) if so, whether any minimum/maximum contribution has been prescribed for the employees; and

(c) if so, the details of number of beneficiaries who have utilized funds from RMW&RF during the last three years?

Privatisation of railway stations

2037 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to privatize several railway stations;

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

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed in this regard?

Progress of Angul - Sukinda railway line

2038 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

(a) the progress of gauge railway line of 104.24 kilometer being constructed between Angul and Sukinda;

(b) the funds allotted and utilised so far;

(c) the expected date of completion and operationalisation; and

(d) the details of rehabilitation provided to families?

Eviction of slum houses from railway tracks in Delhi

2039 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways would evict 48000 slum houses along railway lines in Delhi, if so, the actions that have already been taken to evict these families;

(b) if so, the rehabilitation plan for the families;

(c) whether Railways have done any assessment of the number of slum clusters and slum dwellers along railway lines in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

Construction work of Kotipalli Narsapur project

2040 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work of Kotipalli-Narsapur SCR project in the State of Andhra Pradesh is yet to be completed;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Ambikapur-Renukoot and Ambikapur-Jharsuguda railway project

2041 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering completing the Ambikapur-Renukoot and Ambikapur-Jharsuguda railway project in Surguja Lok Sabha constituency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the formalities like environmental clearance and land acquisition have been completed by Government for the said project, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Increase in the fare of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains

2042 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of yearly increase in the fare of various Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains, year-wise in last five years;
- (b) whether Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express on some days cost equal to a flight ticket to the same destinations, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether instead of making railway a cheaper mode of transportation as compared to airlines, Government is planning to make it expensive and gradually reach a situation where passengers shift to air travel, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of steps being taken to reduce the fare of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express train ticket?

Monthly losses incurred post lockdown by Railways

2043 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of monthly losses incurred post lockdown by Railways from March, 2020 till January, 2021, separately, from passenger trains and from freight transport; and
- (b) the details of month-on-month or quarterly earnings of Railways in last three years, separately, from passenger trains and from freight transport?

Pending and ongoing railway projects in Bihar

2044 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the details of number of pending and ongoing railway projects in Bihar;
- (b) by when funds would be allocated to projects which have been stalled due to lack of funds, such as Narkatiaganj Bhikhna Thori rail line; and
- (c) the status of Chhitauni Tamkuhi rail line project?

Recovery of losses incurred during lockdown

2045 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of freight loss Railways incurred during the recent lockdown;

- (b) the details of loss incurred due to non-operation of passenger trains during the lockdown;
- (c) how Ministry looks at these losses and the likely operating ratio this year;
- (d) whether Ministry found some improvement in passenger and freight earnings after opening up of lockdown and, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) how Ministry is planning to recover the losses incurred during lockdown period; and
- (f) the proposals before the Ministry to monetize some of the assets of Railways to recover from losses and spending them as capital investment?

Upgradation of trains

2046 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) whether Rajdhani special train of Anand Vihar – Agartala has been upgraded with Tejas style train;
- (b) the number of Rajdhani special trains/Shatabdi/Superfast Expresses being upgraded with Tejas style trains in the coming three years in the country, alongwith details of trains;
- (c) the cost of each train to be upgraded with Tejas style train;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to upgrade Telangana Express (Hyderabad-New Delhi) or any train between Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad-Tirupati; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Social distancing protocol for passengers

2047 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the social distancing protocol for railway passengers; and
- (b) how Railways are ensuring that passengers are sanitized and have access to masks while travelling?

Direct train from Samastipur to Delhi

2048 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large number of passengers travel daily from Samastipur to Delhi;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the train which runs from Darbhanga to Delhi via Samastipur becomes over crowded at Darbhanga railways station itself and it becomes almost impossible for the passengers to board the train at Samastipur; and
- (c) if so, whether Government would propose to start a direct train from Samastipur to Delhi, as before?

Developmental works in Tiruchirapalli Division of Southern Railway

2049 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) the details of developmental works undertaken for the railway passengers in the Tiruchirapalli Division under Southern Railway during the last three years and the works proposed to be undertaken in the next three years;
- (b) whether representations have been received for doubling of line, stoppage of trains at Papanasam railway station, etc., from public representatives; and

(c) if so, the response of the Ministry?

Revenue from monetization of land and other properties

2050 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the land in possession of Railways;
- (b) how much land is in its direct control and how much is disputed or under encroachment;
- (c) whether it would contemplate to form an authority and use planners and technocrats to utilise/monetize these lands to enhance Railways' revenue;
- (d) the effective steps that have been taken to bring under absolute possession of Railways if the land is under encroachment; and
- (e) how much is being earned from monetisation of land and other properties of Railways?

Non-payment of remuneration to railway officials

2051 # **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) whether the railway staffs have not yet been paid for the work done regarding Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and the Railway Recruitment Cell (RRC) respectively;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the retired officials worked from home due to COVID-19 pandemic, but have not been paid any salary; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time-line by which they are likely to be paid?

New railway projects in Odisha

2052 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to commence on the promised new railway lines of Jaleswar-Digha BG new railway line, Jharsuguda – Ambikapur railway line via Sundargarh, Mayurbhanj – Buramara to Chakulia, Bargarh -Nuapada, Jajpur-Dhamra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action against encroachment of railway property

2053 # **Shri Narayan Rane:**

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

- (a) the details of actions taken by Government against the old encroachments on railway property/land under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 during the last three years;
- (b) whether any punitive action has been taken against some people in regard to the said old encroachments; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Budget allocation and disbursal of funds to West Bengal

2054 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the year-on-year budget allocations and actual disbursal of funds to West Bengal

(including South Eastern, Metro and all railway related projects) for the last five years;
 (b) the details of projects undertaken in West Bengal, status of those projects, total budget allocated, project-wise, and the actual amount sanctioned for the last five years; and
 (c) the budget allocation and actual funds disbursed under Railways for the last three years, year-on-year, State-wise?

Revision of project cost estimate and ROR from Kantabanji to Koksara and Dharmagarh to Junagarh Road

2055 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

whether Railways have considered the demand for revision of project cost estimate and ROR (Rate of Return) from Kantabanji to Koksara via Rajkhariar, Dharmagarh of 115 kms (Chainage 0/0 to 115/000) and Dharmagarh to Junagarh Road of 19 kms (Chainage 185/500 to 204/500), new line railway project of total 134 kms in the State of Odisha, as per the proposals submitted by Member to Minister of Railways?

Revision of project cost estimate and ROR from Lanjigarh Road to Phulbani

2056 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

whether Railways have considered the demand for revision of project cost estimate and ROR (Rate of Return) from Lanjigarh Road to Phulbani via M Rampur, Baligurha new line railway project in the State of Odisha, as per the proposals submitted by Member to Minister of Railways?

Wi Fi services at railway stations

2057 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**

Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL) saw an uptrend in user interest for Wi Fi services at railway stations, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of number of stations which are likely to get public Wi Fi and network infrastructure installed;
- (c) whether RailTel is exploring the option of charging passengers for using public Wi Fi services at railway stations, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other facilities proposed by RailTel to the passengers to improve overall passenger experience and increase the non-fare revenue through multiple monetization models?

Environmental concerns of Railways

2058 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the total number of railway stations in the country;
- (b) the number of railway stations that have received environmental clearances from Central/State Pollution Control Boards;
- (c) whether any railway stations are equipped with sewage treatment plants and effluent treatment plants, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry follows solid waste segregation at any station or within trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to reduce the environmental impact of railway sidings/goods sheds in the context of air pollution?

Survey for new railway line between Bijapur and Kirandul

2059 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the survey for 120 kilometers new railway line between Bijapur and Kirandul in Chhattisgarh has been completed and the report of the same is pending before the Ministry since the year 2017;
- (b) if so, whether its rate of return (RoR) is 4.25 per cent; and
- (c) if so, the action taken so far on this railway survey report and the names of railway lines for which the survey has been completed in Chhattisgarh, along with their RoR?

Abolition of concession to Persons with Disabilities post lockdown

2060 # **Shri Chh. Udayanraje Bhonsle:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the concession being given to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in trains has been abolished in post lockdown period;
- (b) the category-wise details of concessions abolished in trains being operated after lockdown;
- (c) the revenue generated by Railways after lockdown by abolishing the concession for PWDs and other types of exemption; and
- (d) the reasons behind abolishing the concession to PWDs?

Resumption of operation of trains

2061 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether Railways have resumed all the express and passenger trains, as per the railway time table issued;
- (b) if not, the percentage of trains being operated in the country, especially the trains traversing through Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) by what time all the train services would be fully resumed, the details thereof?

Status of new rural development projects in AP

2062 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the proposal of setting up of more rural development projects across the country, by earmarking ₹25 lakh crores for implementation of these project in the present Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of such projects being implemented in the state of Andhra Pradesh and the quantum of funds earmarked for each project, the status thereof?

Pending funds under MGNREGA for Karnataka

2063 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government for release of the pending funds under MGNREGA to the State during 2020-21;
- (b) the details of the funds released so far and the quantum of pending funds to be released; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in releasing funds to Karnataka under MGNREGA for 2020-21?

Construction of roads in rural districts

2064 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of road constructed in rural districts under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) over the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of gram panchayats that were provided access to roads under the PMGSY over the last three years;
- (c) the percentage and number of gram panchayats that currently lack access to road, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated for further construction of roads in rural regions, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to increase accessibility by roads in rural areas, including any timeline set for the same?

Change in criteria under DAY-NRLM

2065 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made certain changes in the criterion to extend benefits under the Deendayal Antyodaya- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries who benefitted from DAY-NRLM during the last three years – State-wise including Punjab; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to provide livelihood to women in rural areas across the country?

Funds under MGNREGA to Chhattisgarh

2066 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated under MGNREGA to the State of Chhattisgarh from March 1, 2020 to till now, and the amount spent out of it, and the number of man-day jobs created, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received complaints of irregularities in MGNREGA scheme in the districts of Sarguja division of Chhattisgarh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) Guidelines

2067 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of best practice, best charge officer, best District Collectors and Best Adarsh Grams as per SAGY guidelines;
- (b) the number of such awards distributed so far in Kerala; and
- (c) the details of best practice selected and criteria for the selection?

International Day of Rural Women

2068 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Shri Rajeev Satav:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government observed International Day of Rural Women recently and if so, the details thereof along with the theme of the event and initiatives taken by Government to make the event successful;
- (b) the details of the schemes for women belonging to SC/ST/OBC and economically weaker sections in rural areas and the employment generated thereunder, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by the States under the scheme, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has failed to generate employment opportunities for women in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

Works under PMGSY in Jharkhand

2069 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of roads constructed in Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years, the year-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of villages still not connected with roads, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of action plan of Government to connect all villages of Jharkhand by roads under the above scheme?

Road constructed under PMGSY

2070 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the road construction work in kilometres under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in rural areas of the country during the last five years;
- (b) the change in the normal life of the people after construction of these roads; and
- (c) the details of the expenditure incurred by Government for the construction of these roads?

Work under PMGSY

2071 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total road length added under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the years 2016-17 till date;
- (b) the total works inspected by National Quality Monitor (NQM) in the current financial

year;

(c) the number and percentage of maintenance work deemed unsatisfactory by NQM and a State-wise list of the same for the years 2018-19 till date;

(d) the total road length constructed using green technology and a State-wise list of the same for the years 2018-19 till date; and

(e) the total number of complaints on the MeriSadak App and complaints addressed for the year 2020-21?

Growth rate of rural wages

2072 **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of rural wages in India since 2016, year-wise;

(b) whether the growth rate of rural wages has declined since 2016;

(c) if so, whether Government has investigated the reasons for the decline; and

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

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

2073 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages adopted under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), State-wise;

(b) whether non-issuing of MPLAD funds affected or stopped SAGY; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

Third shift of working hours in ITIs

2074 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has granted permission for third shift of working hours to Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the approval for regularisation of third shift of working hours has been kept in abeyance;

(d) whether Government is considering to re-introduce the same; and

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

Skill India Mission

2075 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Skill India Mission during the last two years and current year; State-wise; and

(b) whether the scheme has shown any progress in the last two years, if so, the details thereof?

Registration of Technical Grade Products

2076 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to make registration of Technical Grade Products in the country compulsory prior to granting registration for imports of Readymade Pesticide Formulations (finished products);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Skilling programs for divyang persons

2077 # **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of skill development programmes and initiatives taken for divyang persons under the purview of National Skill Development Corporation;
- (b) the details of skill development programmes and initiatives taken for divyang persons under the purview of National Skill Development Agency;
- (c) the State-wise details of schemes/programs implemented by the above authorities alongwith the list of programmes started in Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether Government would propose to organise job fairs for divyang and specially abled persons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Skill development of urban and rural youths

2078 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of urban and rural youth who have been trained under the "Skill Development Scheme";
- (b) the number of urban and rural youth who have been provided employment through "Skill Development Scheme";
- (c) the number of people out of those employed, that have been provided with jobs at the local level; and
- (d) the number of people who have completed the skill development programme and have been provided self-employment through "Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana"?

Skill development in agriculture sector

2079 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Dr. Ameer Jainik:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to provide the agriculture related training to create interest among the youth in agricultural sector keeping in view the immense employment potential in the said sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether training is being provided to the youth for getting employment in horticulture, bee-keeping and animal husbandry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government for skill development in the agriculture sector?

Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development**2080 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of PM's National Council on Skill Development which aims to skill 500 million people in India by 2022;
- (b) the list of number of people skilled in the financial year 2020-21, State-wise;
- (c) whether any skilling initiatives are being contemplated or implemented specifically for tribals, in particular the tribals of Assam who constitute 12.4% of the State's population; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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