

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, December 14, 2018/Agrahayana 23, 1940 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

#### Increasing number of cases in High Courts and district courts

†\*46. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE  
KARIM: Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE be pleased to state the reasons  
for increase in number of cases in various  
High Courts and district courts of the  
country?

#### Plan for agricultural production in Jammu and Kashmir

\*47. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH  
MANHAS: Will the Minister of  
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS  
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared  
any comprehensive plan for the agricultural  
production in Jammu and Kashmir in view  
of the increasing population *vis-a-vis* fast  
decreasing agricultural land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Discount on last-minute railway ticket bookings

\*48. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will  
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
has proposed huge discount on last-minute  
railway ticket bookings before the journey;

(b) if so, the details of the discount and  
the number of trains covered under the  
proposed scheme; and

(c) the time-frame for implementing the  
scheme along with the details thereof?

#### Proposal for legalising gambling and betting

\*49. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the  
Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law  
Commission has recently sent a proposal

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

to legalise gambling and betting in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken thereon?

#### **Steps to check high drug prices**

\*50. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether unreasonable competition among drug companies is leading to high drug prices in the country, thus making healthcare a costly affair;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) whether the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has conducted any detailed study and submitted its report to Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to check high drug prices and control the unreasonable competition among drug companies, considering the suggestions of CCI, so that drugs are available in the markets at affordable prices?

#### **Implementation of recommendations of Arvind Subramanian Committee on Pulses**

\*51. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drought conditions in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh,

West Bengal and Gujarat have caused damage to Kharif pulses, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether recommendations of the Arvind Subramanian Committee on Pulses, submitted in September, 2016, have been implemented, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to sustain farmers' interest in pulses cultivation?

#### **Release of drought relief funds to Maharashtra**

\*52. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has recently sought funds for drought relief from the Central Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government has released the funds demanded for drought relief;

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

(d) by when the requisite funds would be released to Government of Maharashtra?

#### **Setting up of a fertilizer plant in Karnataka**

\*53. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister made a statement in May, 2015 and reiterated the same during "Invest in Karnataka" in 2016 that a fertilizer plant would be set up in Karnataka by the Central

Government provided Government of Karnataka gives land free-of-cost;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has given land to the Ministry, at three places, to finalize one, for setting up of the fertilizer plant; and

(c) if so, when was the proposal received and the present status thereof?

#### **Settlement of claims under PMFBY**

\*54. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has benefited only the insurance companies and not the farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the money collected by insurance companies from the farmers since the inception of the scheme till 30 November, 2018, year-wise, company-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of the claims settled since the inception of the scheme till 30 November, 2018, year-wise, company-wise and State-wise?

#### **Reverse auction of coal blocks in Odisha**

\*55. SHRI PRATAP KESHARI DEB: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how much money was earned through the reverse auction of coal blocks in the State of Odisha; and

(b) how much, out of the total money earned, has been shared with the State?

#### **Settlement of insurance claims of farmers in Andhra Pradesh**

\*56. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has delayed payment of premium to crop insurance companies during 2016-17 and 2017-18, if so, the details thereof;

(b) to what extent the delay in payment of premium has impacted settlement of claims of farmers in Andhra Pradesh, during the above said two years; and

(c) the status of payment of premium in 2018-19 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to the crop insurance companies?

#### **Implementation of PM- AASHA**

\*57. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched "Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan" (PM-AASHA) in order to protect the farmers' income; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the mode of its implementation?

#### **Standardization of processed food for export**

\*58. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that an appalling ₹ 92,000 crore worth of food is wasted every year due to lack of proper food processing;

(b) if so, the policy measures in place

to standardize and promote food processing industries to judiciously manage food surplus for export;

(c) whether our processed food products comply with the international sanitary and phyto-sanitary (SPS) requirements, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the EU does not import our marine produces due to SPS concerns; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and corrective steps taken, if any, in this regard?

#### **Constitution of Internal Complaints Committees in Courts**

\*59. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether "The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013" is applicable to the Supreme Court, High Courts and the subordinate courts;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if applicable, whether the Supreme Court, any High Court and any subordinate court have formed Internal Complaints Committee under Section 4 of the Act along with the details thereof and the number of cases filed before the Internal Complaints Committees?

#### **Making legal aid affordable**

\*60. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any consideration to general perception of the public that Indian legal system is "expensive and prone to delay", if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any strategy to make legal aid in the country affordable and fast; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to simplify the legal procedure and enhance legal literacy among the public?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 8th December, 2018*  
*Agrahayana 17, 1940 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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