

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Rural Development; Social Justice and Empowerment)

(कृषि और किसान कल्याण; रसायन और उर्वरक; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी; खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग; भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम; गृह; पंचायती राज; ग्रामीण विकास; सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 230

### Suicide by Farmers due to Debt

†231. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers are taking inhuman steps like suicide due to their inability in paying their loan amount;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any step to write off the bank loan of the families of the farmers who commit suicide due to financial crunch;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Loans under KCC

†232. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loans given to the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) holders in Rajasthan during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the amount of loan has been increased for KCC holders in view of the increase in the expenses of the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the farmers can pay only annual interest incurred on loan taken through their KCC in the banks;

(e) if not, whether the Government proposes to make such an arrangement; and

(f) whether the Government is of the view that by doing so, the farmers are likely to repay the loan on time and also be free from the harassment of the moneylenders?

### Agricultural Loans

†233. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds all over the country for agricultural loans in view of COVID-19 pandemic; and

(b) if so, the total amount allocated for Maharashtra along with the district-wise details thereof?

### Increase in PM Kisan Scheme Payment

†234. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of Rs. 6000/- being provided to the farmers every year under PM-Kisan Scheme in view of damage caused to the crops of the farmers due to Covid-19 and lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan

235. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI HIBI EDEN:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has launched a massive employment-cum-rural public works Campaign named 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan' (GKRA) to boost employment and to provide livelihood opportunities in areas/villages witnessing large number of returnee migrant workers affected by the devastating COVID-19 in six States;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries, the manhour work provided and the quantum of amount spent so far, State-wise;

(c) whether this scheme has been successful, if so, the details thereof including its current status and the steps being taken to ensure effective and timely implementation;

(d) whether the GKRA has generated a total of around 24 crore mandays of employments during the last two months and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning to expand the GKRA in other States and to continue it for the next few months also, and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details regarding utilisation of funds under the GKRA against the outlay of Rs. 50,000 crore ?

### Employment Guarantee Scheme

†236. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the demand for continuing the Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the people in rural areas are getting one hundred days of assured employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Mandays under MGNREGA

237. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the average mandays employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the months of April, May, June, July, August (2020-21) both at national level and State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal on the part of the Government to increase the number of eligible work days under MGNREGA; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020

238. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:  
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this ordinance seeks to provide for barrier-free trade of farmers' produce outside the markets notified under the various State agricultural produce market laws (State APMC Acts) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this Ordinance will prevail over the State APMC Acts;

(f) whether the State Governments were consulted before passing this Ordinance; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

### Implementation of MGNREGS during Covid-19 Pandemic

239. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:  
SHRI D.K.SURESH:  
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:  
SHRI P.C. GADDIGUDAR:  
ADV. A.M. ARIFF:  
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:  
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released and spent under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) along with the number of migrant labourers/ family registered and provided job since April, 2020, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of work days from 100 to 200 and the wage rate as well as inclusion of more items of work under MGNREGS in view of loss of livelihood due to the Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the expenditure as wages for MGNREGS for the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (from April 2020 to August 2020), State-wise;

(d) the details of the numbers of households and persondays utilised under MGNREGS between March-September 2020 as compared to the corresponding period in 2019, State/UT-wise;

(e) the details of wage rates under MGNREGS, as compared to the State minimum wage rates, State/UT-wise;

(f) whether the Government is intending to consider any special allowance to workers under MGNREGS and extension of the scheme to urban areas so as to cover workers in cities and if so the details thereof; and

(g) whether during the time of lockdown the employment provided under MGNREGS was far below than before the lockdown and many State Governments have reported that they have not received the allocation of fund under MGNREGS, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### Provision of MSP to Maize Farmers

240. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the maize farmers of Bihar particularly in Kishanganj district and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for Purnea and Kishanganj districts of Bihar in particular;

(c) the details of the annual maize production in Bihar and the quantity procured by Government at the MSP rate during this year; and

(d) the steps proposed by the Government to procure all the maize produced by farmers in Bihar so that they are not forced to sell at the lower price in the open market?

#### Percentage of small and Marginal Farmers

†241. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:  
SHRI RAVINDRAKUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether effective low cost techniques have been developed by the Agriculture Research Institutions for small land holdings in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of steps taken by the Government to encourage the small and marginal farmers to adopt such technique and to provide assistance to them; and

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

#### Damage to Crops

†242. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the damage to cotton and moong crops in Haryana due to insect attacks and heavy rains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken to check such damages;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has made any plan to provide compensation for the damage to crops due to insect attacks; and

(e) if so, the time since when the said compensation is being given along with the details thereof?

#### Promotion of Hindi language

†243. SHRIMATIMALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the increasing use of Hinglish - a hybrid of English and Hindi in common parlance and for official purpose;

(b) whether the Government is making any special efforts to further promote the proper and practical use of Hindi language;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds spent on training and promotion of Hindi language in Government Institutions during the last three years?

#### Cold Storage Facilities

244. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps towards implementing cold storage facilities in Karnataka and Anicut Constituency of Tamil Nadu to Guna for Mango, Jasmine flower during off season;

(b) if so, the details of steps undertaken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Rural Connectivity Projects in Maharashtra

245. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE  
PATIL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rural connectivity projects sanctioned in Maharashtra during the last five years including but not limited to works sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) the rural connectivity projects completed by the Ministry in Maharashtra during the said period;

(c) whether rural connectivity projects sanctioned during the last five years in Maharashtra have not yet been completed; and

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

#### **Job Cuts in the Agricultural Sector**

246. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there are severe job cuts in the agricultural sector due to Covid -19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any estimate of the number of farmers and landless agricultural labourers who lost their jobs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide relief to farmers in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Detention of Political Leaders in J&K**

247. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of house arrests/detention of political leaders in Jammu & Kashmir since the abrogation of special status;

(b) the details of political leaders under house arrest as of now;

(c) the details of political leaders detained under the National Security Act in Jammu & Kashmir so far; and

(d) the number of terrorist attacks in J&K after the re-organization of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh?

#### **Crop Loss due to Floods in Bihar**

248. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH *ALIAS*  
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of losses of crops of farmers during heavy flood in more than 16 districts of North Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to provide financial assistance to more than 20 lakh farmers who have lost their crops in heavy floods;

(c) if so, the amount decided as relief/compensation;

(d) whether the State Government of Bihar has submitted any reports on recent floods in Bihar; and

(e) if so, the status of those reports?

#### **Special Grant for Door Delivery Programme**

249. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:  
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:  
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to take a decision regarding special grant of Rs. 1,409 crores to implement door delivery program in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will adopt this as a national program in the light of COVID-19 pandemic for door to door delivery of essential food items to ration card holders in the light of the success of this pilot program of the Andhra Pradesh State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Free Ration to Migrants under PMGKAY**

250. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided free rations to migrants under PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also promulgated The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has been implementing One ration One card in all States; and

(f) if so, the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Import of APIs**

251. SHRI DHANUSH M.KUMAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Pharmaceutical companies imported more than 70% of the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) used for manufacturing medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the countries from which India imports APIs along with the reasons for high import of APIs;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure regular supply of APIs in view of Covid-19 by enhancing domestic production and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps for setting up Bulk Drug Parks in the country especially in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether Private Sector will also be involved in setting up Bulk Drug Parks, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to create a self-reliant ecosystem in the Pharmaceuticals and Health and Hygiene sector by ramping up domestic production which will help in building an Atma Nirbhar Bharat?

#### **Production of Kharif Crops**

252. SHRI DHANUSH M.KUMAR:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total estimated acreage under cultivation of Kharif Crops during the current season as compared to that of the last season, crop and State-wise;

(b) whether sowing area of important Kharif crop viz. rice, jute and Mesta has been reduced compared to the previous year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated production of Kharif crops for the current year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide adequate incentives to the farmers for sowing Kharif grains in view of covid-19 pandemic and to procure their

produce at higher price and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the production of Kharif crops to meet the demands for foodgrains and other crops in the country?

#### **Definition of Farmer**

253. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a definition of who exactly a farmer is;

(b) if so, the exact definition of the farmer prescribed by the Government;

(c) the manner in which the Government will be able to ascertain who exactly a farmer is in the absence of such definition; and

(d) whether there are any plans for revising the existing definition of farmers or introducing a new definition of farmers after close consultation with the State Governments?

#### **Urea Supply**

254. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued Urea and other fertilizers as per the quota to the State of Telangana for the current Kharif/Vanakalam Season;

(b) if so, the details of quantity of Urea / Fertilizers provided and if not, the reasons for shortfall in supply;

(c) whether there is any demand for additional quantity of Urea / Fertilizers from the State Government of Telangana due to increase in sowing in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decongestion of wholesale markets**

255. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to decongest wholesale markets and to boost the supply chains during the prevailing lockdown situation which occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) portal has been revamped, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of trucks and transporters linked to e-NAM so far?

#### Invoking of Disaster Management Act

256. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
गृह मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Disaster Management Act, 2005 was invoked for the first time in India to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has failed to understand the spread of COVID-19 in the country;
- (d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto along with the steps/initiatives being taken by the NDMA during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (e) whether India's lockdown has been termed as one of the most strictly imposed in the world but the curve of spread of the disease has neither declined nor flattened;
- (f) if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and
- (g) the other initiatives/steps being taken by the Government for management and control of COVID 19 pandemic in the Country?

#### City Compost

257. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government's efforts to produce and promote compost from city garbage has yielded the desired results;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether fertilizer companies and marketing entities are actively involved in producing and promoting compost from city garbage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Social Welfare Schemes

- †258. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI JOHN BARLA:  
SHRIMATIRATHVA GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the social welfare schemes being implemented by the Government under public private partnership;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to organize any national level programme to popularize the said schemes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken so far in this regard?

#### Construction of Panchayat Buildings

- †259. SHRI RAVINDRAKUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ  
पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Panchayat Buildings have been constructed in all the Gram Panchayats of the country;
- (b) if not, the number of Gram Panchayats where buildings have been constructed and the numbers of Gram Panchayats deprived from it, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether the Panchayat Buildings are likely to be constructed in the remaining Gram Panchayats; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started and completed along with the amount likely to be spent thereon?

#### Funds for Dispensation of Social Justice

260. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated by the Ministry specifically for improving the dispensation of social justice in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the amount of funds utilized in this regard during the said period;
- (c) whether any review has been undertaken by the Government to know the utility of its schemes, plans and programmes during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

#### Use of Machines under MGNREGS

261. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States have asked the Government to permit usage of machines under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### MSP of Rabi Crops

262. DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of wheat production in Rabi Crop during this year;

(b) whether the wheat produced by the farmers as Rabi crops have been procured by the Government at the prescribed Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the country and if so, the total quantum of wheat procured;

(c) whether the wheat harvested and taken by farmers to Mandi could not be procured due to delay in procurement by Government agency resulting in rotting of wheat in open and loss to farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the responsible officers;

(e) whether the farmers had also incurred losses due to non-availability of agricultural labourers and scarcity of machines due to covid-19 pandemic during harvesting of rabi crop; and

(f) if so, whether the Government will compensate the losses incurred by farmers through some financial assistance?

#### Deaths of Paramilitary Forces Personnel

263. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRI MOHAMMEDFAIZAL P.P.:  
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data with regard to the deaths of Paramilitary forces personnel during their service period/on duty, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number and details of jobs given on

compassionate ground to the kins/dependents of the deceased personnel during the last three years, State-wise and year wise;

(c) the number and details of cases pending with the Government with regard to giving jobs on compassionate ground to the dependents of the deceased personnel who have died during their service period; and

(d) the details of the action taken/being taken by the Government so far?

#### Assistance for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Drugs

264. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:  
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:  
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued Revised Guidelines of the Scheme for "Assistance to States and UTs" for strengthening their enforcement capabilities in combating illicit trafficking in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic substances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated and released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under the above scheme during the last three years?

#### Deaths of Police Personnel due to COVID-19

265. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police personnel who died due to COVID-19 across the country, State-wise; and

(b) the number of personnel of CAPFs who died due to COVID-19, force-wise?

#### Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

266. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA  
VISWANATH:  
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a new financing scheme under the Rs. 1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund meant for setting up storage and processing facilities to help farmers get higher prices for their crops; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made, State-wise, along with funds sanctioned/spent so far and pending works likely to be completed?

#### Barren Land in States

267. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO  
MANDLIK:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area of barren land out of the total geographical area falling under areas of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand along with the details of its share/percentage in the total area;

(b) the names of the schemes implemented for converting the said barren land into arable land during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of the funds utilized for the said purpose during the above period, year-wise; and

(d) the area of the said barren land converted into arable land through the said schemes?

#### Impact of Lockdown on Harvesting

268. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the harvesting process, which usually starts in mid-April, was thrown completely off-balance due to the nation-wide lockdown;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the details of loss in crops, crop-wise and State-wise?

#### Problems faced by Farmers

269. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is a country which is widely famous for its agriculture throughout the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that our farmers are facing lot of problems like lack of basic amenities of irrigation systems, short and long term loan facilities, availabilities of high quality seeds and after sale of their produce on MSP;

(c) whether exploitation of farmers at the hands of moneylenders is a very prominent and common issue that immediately needs to be looked into and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether stories of farmers committing suicide appear in the media almost every day; and

(e) if so, whether the Government has any plan to revive the agriculture sector in the country?

#### DAY-NRLM Scheme in Maharashtra

270. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) in the State of Maharashtra for the year 2019-2020, district-wise;

(b) the number of Self Help Groups who have availed Aajeevika loans;

(c) the type of benefits given to beneficiaries under the said scheme;

(d) the amount released to the State of Maharashtra under the scheme during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the details of the amount released or likely to be released to Bhandara and Gondiya districts of Maharashtra under the scheme?

#### Loss to Floriculture during Lockdown

271. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on the loss occurred in floriculture across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu during the lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has provided any special financial assistance to the farmers due to their unsold produce;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to uplift the floriculture farmers after the lockdown?

#### National Research Centre on Camels

†272. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM  
JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री



be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to set up a branch of National Research Centre on Camels (NRCC) in Gujarat, so far;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to protect Kharai camels; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed by National Research Centre on Camels to protect double humped camel in Ladakh?

#### **Investment under DIDF**

273. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated in the recently launched Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) along with the details, State-wise, animal sector-wise and product business-wise; and

(b) the details of the plan of action for incentivising dairy cooperative investment under Dairy Processing Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) along with, the details of funds allocated thereunder, State-wise?

#### **Distribution of Foodgrains during Lockdown**

274. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the quantum of foodgrains distribution to the States for supply through PDS to the card holders due to lockdown in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic outbreak;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of PDS card holders, poor and needy people who have benefited under the scheme, State-wise;

(d) whether it is proposed to extend the scheme in the coming months also and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of essential food items to the States at affordable prices to the poor and needy?

#### **Anti-dumping Duty on Vitamin-C**

275. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has lifted anti-dumping duty on Vitamin C;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that approximately 100 Indian units producing vitamin C is affected by this decision of the Government;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to impose anti-dumping duty on import of Vitamin C from China and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Food Inflation**

276. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food inflation has gone up from 5.1% in September, 2019 to 14.12% in December, 2019;

(b) if so, the details of status in January and March, 2020 and March to August, 2020;

(c) the details of factors being taken into account to calculate food inflation;

(d) the remedial measures that the Government is taking to contain food inflation; and

(e) the manner in which the Integrated Development of Horticulture and National Food Security Mission are helping to contain food inflation along with the impact of COVID-19 on food inflation?

#### **Debt Burden of Farmers**

277. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the indebtedness of farmers household in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding indebtedness of farmer household and if so, the findings of the survey thereof;

(c) whether per farmer debt burden is higher than the average annual per capita in the country, if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for indebtedness of farmers;

(d) the details of various efforts made by the Government to reduce the burden of debt along with the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to formulate farm loan waiver scheme for farmers to reduce the debt burden of farmers?

### Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

278. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of countries exporting Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) to India along with the quantities over the last five years;

(b) the top 10 APIs imported the most along with the quantity and the exporting countries;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce import dependence on China;

(d) the list of 53 APIs short-listed by the Government for incentives;

(e) whether the industry is seeking regulatory easing to reduce import dependence on China for APIs;

(f) if so, the list of regulatory changes sought by the pharmaceuticals industry;

(g) whether the Government intends to undertake regulatory easing to support the incentives given to boost API production in the country; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

### Study on Cultivation of GM Crops

279. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has made a study on cultivation of GM Crops and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that in spite of completion of tests conducted on the cultivation of these crops, it is showing its unconcern on taking a final decision on the matter;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any request has been received requesting for a decision on the matter and if so, the details of the same; and

(e) the stand of the Government in this regard?

### Consumer Welfare Fund

280. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started consumer movement to protect the interests of the consumers and speedy redressal of their grievances in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the consumers benefitted from this movement during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set up Consumer Welfare Fund to strengthen the consumer movement in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with achievements made from setting up of such fund so far;

(e) the funds provided to States/UTs for strengthening the consumer movement along with its utilisation during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interests of the consumers across the country?

### Seed Banks

281. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seed banks functioning in the country as on date, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of seed banks set up in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more seed banks in the country including UP to preserve and promote local indigenous varieties of plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated/ utilised along with the number of farmers benefitted from these seed banks during the said period?

### Rural Development Scheme in Bharatpur District

282. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes has been started for rural Development in Bharatpur District during the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount released thereunder; and

(c) if not, whether any scheme is under consideration in this regard for the next three years and if so, the details thereof?

### Damage due to Locust Attack

283. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any compensation has been provided as a result of the survey conducted by the Government regarding damage caused by locust attack in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has considered locust attack in the category of natural calamity and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to issue notification for considering locust attack in the category of natural calamity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Drought Situation in Maharashtra**

†284. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH *ALLIAS*  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Government of Maharashtra with regard to drought situation in some districts of the State since 2014 till date and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government had sent any Central Team to visit drought-hit districts and for assessing loss to paddy, cotton and other crops due to drought;

(c) if so, the details of the same;

(d) whether the Government has announced any financial package for the farmers of drought-hit districts of Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decline in Sale of Automobile Sector**

285. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retail sale of two-wheelers and four-wheelers have reduced considerably in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three quarters, quarter-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the sale of automobile sector in the coming years and to provide sops to the sector particularly for the 2-wheeler sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Reforms in Agriculture Sector**

†286. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for a long time to make several changes in agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued an ordinance to implement the said reforms immediately;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the way in which these reforms are likely to be affected by the role of the States;

(d) whether fostering trust between the farmers and companies in contract farming and by removal of some agricultural commodities from the Essential Commodities Act may lead to increase in hoarding and price rise;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to deal with these situations?

#### **Impact of COVID-19 on Agriculture Sector**

287. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of overall impact of COVID-19 and the consequent lockdown on the agricultural sector of the country;

(b) the details of quantum of downturn in the rate of agricultural growth in the first quarter of the current fiscal as compared to the same period in the past five years *i.e.* 2015-2020;

(c) the details of impact of COVID-19 on the incomes of small and marginal farmers due to nation wide lockdown;

(d) the details of increase in the incidence of agriculture/ farm debt as a consequence of COVID-19 and lockdown in the first quarter of the current fiscal; and

(e) the details of monetary value of the relief provided by the Government to farmers especially small and marginal farmers to combat the economic downturn of the continuing COVID -19 pandemic and the economic downturn and its impact on the ground?

#### **PMGSY in Jharkhand**

288. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of additional projects under consideration of the Government for approval under

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Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Jharkhand during the current year;

(b) the details of the ongoing projects under PMGSY in Bokaro, Dhanbad and Giridih districts of Jharkhand during the last two years; and

(c) the details of the total funds allocated and spent in the said districts during the said period?

#### Capacity of Prisons

†289. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prisons in the country and the number of prisoners that can be accommodated in them, State-wise/place-wise;

(b) the number of prisoners lodged in the prisons at present, prison-wise/State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to increase the capacity of these prisons and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the poor condition of such prisons?

#### Legislation on Torture

290. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to bring a legislation to prevent torture of individuals by police and public officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Citizenship Amendment Act

291. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Citizenship Amendment Act has been finalised and come into effect;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of number of detention centres opened, the number of people who are unable to prove their citizenship put up in the detention centres and the number of people released;

(c) whether the Government is considering for release of all persons from the detention centres; and

(d) if so, the time at which it is likely to be finalised?

#### Custodial Deaths

292. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of custodial deaths each month during the last year, State-wise;

(b) the number of deaths in police encounters during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the number of instances of rape in police custody during the said period, State-wise;

(d) the nature and status of action taken against perpetrating police officials; and

(e) the details of any special redressal measures taken by the Government given this problem?

#### Plan to Aid Farmers Affected by Drought and Cyclone

293. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on a systematic and permanent plan to help the farmers who suffer both from drought and cyclone in the State of Odisha every year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the loan waiver granted and the number of farmers who have benefited from the measure; and

(c) whether the Government will consider introduction of crop insurance to help farmers and if so, the details thereof?

#### Financial Assistance to Migrants

294. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had monitored the distress migration of people on foot from Delhi to other States during COVID-19 lockdown and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any data on the number of persons who died on road while trying to reach their home States during COVID-19 lockdown;

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

(d) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to migrants who lost their income source during COVID-19 lockdown; and

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

### Increasing Interest on Crop Loans

295. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that many sections, including some of the States, are requesting for increasing the interest subvention rate on crop loans for farmers to 6 per cent;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the above request;

(c) whether any provision has been made in this regard in the recently announced PM's Rs. 20 lakh crores Atmanirbhar package; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, whether the Government is considering this?

### Compensation for Land across Indo-Pak Border

296. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of compensation per acre given to farmers whose land lies across the barbed fence on Indo-Pak border in Tarn Taran district of Punjab and the year upto which compensation has been given to farmer;

(b) whether the Government intends to increase the amount of compensation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Irregularities and Condition of Labourers in FCI

†297. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the complaint made by Mazdoor Sangh of Food Corporation of India (FCI) regarding the irregularities and the poor condition of labourers/workers engaged in Shahjahanpur, Sandila, Barabanki, Raibareli, Koshikalan FCI depot in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the office bearers of Mazdoor Sangh have not been called in the high level meetings by the FCI, Mazdoor Sangh Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of meetings of FCI Mazdoor Sangh held regarding Allahabad-Nanny Depot, Lucknow, Kanpur, Banaras depot along with Shahjahanpur, Sandila, Barabanki, Raebareli and Koshi Kalan of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years; and

(f) the measures taken for including FCI Mazdoor Sangh in the meetings?

### Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Assam

298. SHRI PRADAN BARUAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foundation stone for setting-up of an Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IRAI) in Gogamukh, Assam, was laid by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in May, 2017;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) the details of the progress of work in this regard; and

(d) the likely deadline/academic year for the institute to commence its operations and classes in view of the current COVID-19 pandemic?

### Online Frauds

†299. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the increasing online frauds during the last several years;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the number of cases resolved and the number of criminals nabbed who indulged in fraudulent activities;

(d) whether the Government is taking or considering to take the services of Information Technology experts for expeditious disposal of such online fraudulent cases;

(e) whether the Government proposes to recruit Information Technology experts in large number in cyber cells including Delhi Police to dispose off said online fraudulent cases expeditiously; and

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

### Relief Package to Promote Fisheries

†300. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide any relief package to promote fisheries and to compensate for the loss suffered during the last six

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months in view of corona virus pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to provide any special facility to various States including Assam, Haryana and North-Eastern States in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Online Platform for Farmers and FPOs**

301. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is implementing or is planning to start an online platform to enable farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to directly sell their produce to national and international customers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of farmers who are availing benefits of various Ministry's schemes in Jharkhand, especially in Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts; and

(c) the total number of FPOs in Jharkhand, district wise, and the details of initiatives to promote FPOs?

#### **PMAY in Kerala**

302. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that large number of houses have been damaged or completely crushed in the floods affected Kerala in 2018 and 2019;

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

(c) the measures taken to reconstruct these houses; and

(d) the details of target set, funds released and houses constructed under the Prime Minister Awas Yojana (PMAY) for these flood victims, district-wise and year-wise separately?

#### **Free Ration to Migrant Workers**

303. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government's target to provide free ration to an estimated 80 million undocumented migrant workers has not made much headway and only 2 lakh tonnes had been distributed to 20.3 million beneficiaries by the middle of August;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons for the tardy implementation of the programme; and

(c) the remedial measures taken in this regard?

#### **Payment of MSP to Farmers**

304. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that farmers are not getting due price for their products in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to secure higher and fixed revenue for farmers in the country;

(c) whether the Government would conduct awareness campaign for providing maximum prices for agricultural products than artificial and consumer products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Misleading Advertisements**

305. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the false/misleading advertisements are rapidly growing all over the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether code for self-regulation in advertising by Advertising Standards Council of India is binding and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not developing proper code to curb misleading ads;

(c) whether the Government is planning to come out with an advertising code of dos and don'ts which will help it identify misleading advertisement and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is also looking into the best advertising codes of many countries to develop code for the benefit of consumers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which an effective advertising code to curb misleading ads will be put in place?

#### **Grant to Small Processing Units**

306. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any new initiative to provide grant for small processing units/ cold stores setup;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the nodal officer, procedure and units sanctioned till date in Delhi/NCR?

### Growth of Rural Wages

307. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any report on growth in rural wages, month-wise on the inflation rate (BASE rate 2010) and adequate demand for a four members family in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is of the opinion that the current per head rural income is not adequate to maintain a rural household;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of programmes to overcome post covid-19 crisis thereto; and

(e) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the per head rural income?

### PM-AASHA Scheme

†308. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched an inclusive scheme named Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) under which a holistic arrangement has been made to ensure agricultural production and productivity along with remunerative and fixed price for the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its achievements since its inception;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons behind the farmers getting low price for various crops like onion, potato, tomato etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Adulterated Fertilizers & Pesticides

309. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY  
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of fake or adulterated fertilizers and pesticides being sold to farmers every year in the last five years;

(b) the number of convictions for such cases;

(c) the details of the quantum of punishment for such crimes;

(d) the details of the kind of testing undertaken by the Government to ensure the quality of pesticides and fertilizers, including the number of samples of fertilizers as well as pesticides tested every year for the last five years; and

(e) the number of factories in the country that produce fertilisers and the number of factories that produce pesticides?

### Rural Cold Storage

310. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to build cold storage in rural areas particularly in West Bengal to provide storage facilities to the farmers to store perishable fruits and vegetables to enable them to get reasonable prices and to protect them from selling their goods at a lesser price during harvesting season itself; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Agricultural and Horticultural Cooperatives

311. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of agricultural and horticultural cooperatives has increased in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of agricultural and horticultural cooperatives operating in the country during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the number of cooperatives and empower them in the recent years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to increase international competitiveness of cooperatives and if so, details thereof?

### Damage to Crops by Wild Animals

312. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the damage incurred by farmers due to attack of wild animals on their agriculture land;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported in this regard along with the volume of loss involved;

(c) if not, the reasons as to why the Government has turned a blind eye towards the farmers plight;

(d) whether there is any effective law in the country to assess the damage incurred and to further compensate the farmers for such loss incurred due to wild animals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Price Rise of Essential Commodities**

†313. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any hinderance is being faced in supply of eatable things to the consumers due to unprecedented increase in the retail prices of essential commodities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the percentage of Consumer Price Index during January to August 2020 and the current inflation rate in comparison to the previous year;

(c) whether the steps taken by the Government to check the inflation are not adequate and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the factors responsible for the price hike of the eatable items and the effect of hike in diesel and petrol prices therein?

#### **Procurement via MSMEs and Start-ups**

314. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in implementation of the rule that requires Government and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to ensure that 20 per cent of their total procurement is via MSMEs and start-ups; and

(b) the breakup of the total amount owed by PSUs to MSMEs across the country?

#### **Barren Land**

†315. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of barren land in the country including Bundelkhand, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that agriculture is the main source of employment in economically backward Bundelkhand;

(c) if so, whether the Government has resolved to run schemes in mission mode for development of barren land in Bundelkhand; and

(d) if so, the area of barren land made cultivable in the country including Bundelkhand in the last five years?

#### **National Fisheries Policy (2020)**

316. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered introducing the National Marine Fisheries Policy (2017), a draft National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy (NFP 2019) and a draft National Mariculture Policy (2019);

(b) whether the draft National Fisheries Policy (2020) will replace the existing policies, if not, the status of the draft policies introduced in 2019 if the draft NFP, 2020 is implemented;

(c) the details of the use of 'mitigation measures' in case of aquaculture, that is known for causing an immense amount of pollution; and

(d) whether the Government plans to provide traditional fish workers with financial assistance by considering the fact that such workers were left out of the Rs. 1.7 lakh crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, and if not, the reasons thereof?

#### **Monitoring Institutions for Domesticated Animals**

317. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutes, organizations under the Ministry that are in existence for monitoring and tending domesticated animals in India;

(b) whether the Ministry has undertaken any review of these institutions recently and whether any of these have been scheduled to close, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of budgetary allocation for these institutions thereto?



### NDMA Guidelines on Lockdown

318. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority(NDMA) is continuously issuing guidelines about the lockdown in the country due to Covid-19;

(b) if so, the extent to which the lockdown and unlock have been helpful in restricting the spread of the disease;

(c) whether NDMA has chalked out any plan in consultation with State Disaster Management Authorities to restrict the disease;

(d) whether States are free to take steps in their respective States in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the future plan of the NDMA in this regard?

### Damage due to Flood

319. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a survey on the extent of damage caused to life, livelihood, crops, property and infrastructure in Odisha, including in Puri district, due to the floods in August-September 2020;

(b) if so, the details of the damage caused;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned any financial assistance package for the State of Odisha for flood relief and reconstruction activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the estimated timeline?

### Sub Categorisation of OBCs

320. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:  
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the extension of the term of the Commission set up to examine the issue of sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (OBCs); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the extension of the term?

### Special Central Assistance for SCs

†321. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:  
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grant being provided by the Union Government to the families of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) under Special Central Assistance Scheme in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the funds allocated to Rajasthan under the scheme during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is considering to increase the grant and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Union Government has received any proposal in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Establishment of CRPF Training Centre in Bandit Affected Areas

†322. SHRI GANESH SINGH:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government establishes Central Reserve Police Force Training Centre in Bandit Affected Areas;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal pending/under consideration, State-wise;

(c) whether the proposal to establish Central Reserve Police Force Training Centre in between Gram Chandai and Chithara of Satna district in Madhya Pradesh beside Allahabad-Mumbai Railway line is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Funding in Agricultural Research

323. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on funding agricultural research, in terms of GDP contribution;

(b) whether the Government plans to increase it further, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps undertaken by the Government to improve the quality of agricultural research and infrastructure in existing agricultural bodies; and

(d) whether the Government is undertaking foreign collaborations with think tanks and research institutions to improve quality of agricultural research, and if so, the details thereof?

### DDU-GKY in Rajasthan

324. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the targets achieved under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) in the State of Rajasthan for the skilling of rural youth as part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission, in terms of number of youths trained and number of youths placed in jobs, district-wise;

(b) the initiatives introduced by non-governmental partner organizations under the DDUGKY for the skilling of rural youth and rural women;

(c) the initiatives introduced to achieve the training and job placement targets to be met by March 2022; and

(d) the details of resources and funding directed to the Rajasthan State Rural Livelihood Mission to achieve targets set for March 2022?

#### **Rotting of Foodgrains**

325. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO  
MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that every year a lot of food grains get spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity of foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such shortage;

(c) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the names of the States having excess storage capacity at present?

#### **Use of Antibiotics on Food Crops**

326. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indiscriminate use of antibiotics on food crops in several parts of the country is leading to the development and spread of Anti Microbial Resistance (AMR) among the crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to check the rampant use of antibiotics on food crops and promote alternative healthy practices by the farmers; and

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

#### **Protection of Migrants/Labourers before Lockdown**

327. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to protect migrant labourers before lockdown was announced on March 25 alongwith the details thereof;

(b) the reasons why thousand of these labourers end up walking home post lockdown; and

(c) the number of migrants labourers who died on the way home?

#### **DISHA Committee in Assam**

328. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State level DISHA Committee has been formed in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of meetings of the State level Committee which were held along with the minutes of the meetings;

(d) the number of district level DISHA Committees meeting of Nalbari, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Baska, Cirang and Goalpara which were held since June 2019 along with the minutes of the meeting; and

(e) whether the Ministry had received any letter from a people's representative addressed to the Economic Advisor of the Ministry regarding formation of DISHA Committee and if so, the details of the action taken on the same?

#### **Cultivation of Crops with Input Subsidies**

329. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the guiding methodology adopted by the Government of Telangana by asking its farmers to grow only those crops to get input subsidy and MSP;

(b) if so, whether it has also come to the notice of the Ministry that farmers, as advised by the State Government through its local agriculture extension officer, could earn 25-30% more on crops asked by State Government to grow;

(c) Whether the Ministry is also aware that there is 98% increase in paddy production; 95% in maize and 74% in cotton in a year; and

(d) if so, will the Ministry consider adopting this methodology all over the country to get more production and help farmers to earn more?

### Beneficiaries under MGNREGS

330. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as many as 145 million households had applied for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) between April to July, compared to 90 million households during the same period last year, signifying a rise of nearly 60 per cent;

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries and/or people employed upto 31.08.2020; and

(c) the proposal of the Government to provide employment to all applicants along with time frame thereof?

### Production and Procurement of Foodgrains

†331. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of foodgrains produced in the country and the quantum of foodgrains procured;

(b) the total available and covered storage capacity in the country with the Government, State-wise/Union-territory-wise;

(c) whether optimum utilisation of above capacity is being made; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Jan Aushidhi Kendras

332. SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened in the country, particularly in Karnataka, under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) scheme;

(b) the details of the different generic drugs sold under this scheme and their prices; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to open more Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country, especially in Karnataka?

### Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana

†333. SHRI MATIJASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current progress of the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) alongwith the schemes being evolved for its expansion in future;

(b) the type of medicines and the number of diseases for which medicines are being made available for sale through the PMBJP; and

(c) the number of centres opened in Rajasthan so far including Dausa district?

### Monthly income of Paddy Farmers

334. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of paddy produce procured in quintals from Yadadri-Bhongir district in each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the average monthly income of paddy farmers across the country; and

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

### COVID-19 cases in CAPFs

335. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of COVID-19 cases among various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), separately;

(b) the details of the number of deceased due to COVID-19 among various Central Armed Police Forces separately;

(c) whether any special compensation was given to the family of those deceased due to COVID-19 in CAPF;

(d) if so, the details thereof, force-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Cyber Crimes

†336. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cyber crime cases has increased in the country;

(b) whether the amount is debited from people's accounts just by sharing their bank related or any other information on phone;

(c) whether such frauds take place due to lack of security measures adopted by financial institutions;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether arresting of criminals is not possible inspite of using sim card in such cases;

(e) whether people are likely to get disenchanted towards digital transactions as a result thereof; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

#### **Restriction on Inter State Movement**

337. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instructed through a circular to State Governments to ensure compliance towards lifting all restrictions on inter-State and intra-State movement of people and goods;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that despite the circular instructing ease of all restrictions on such travel, several States are yet to comply with the same and this situation is causing difficulties in movement of passengers and goods and affecting smooth movement of produce and materials; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken to ensure compliance of the instructions by the Government and ensure hassle-free movement?

#### **Implementation of new Consumer Protection Act**

338. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up an authority for implementation of new Consumer Protection Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

#### **Joint Action Plan against Terrorism**

†339. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or is considering to take any steps to formulate a joint action plan to put a check on global terrorism affecting India, Russia, United States of America and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Deaths of CAPFs in J&K**

340. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:  
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of security personnel and para-military personnel killed/gunned-down in Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) during the last six months;

(b) the circumstances that led to their deaths;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has given any compensation to the bereaved families; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Circulation of Fake Currency Notes**

341. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the circulation of fake currency notes has increased in the border areas in recent years;

(b) if so, the value of counterfeit Indian currency notes seized in denominations of Rs.2000, Rs.500 and Rs.200, State-wise;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to counter the circulation of fake currency; and

(d) the assessment of impact of fake currency on Indian economy?

#### **Ensuring MSP to Farmers**

†342. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken to ensure that the Indian farmers get Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their produce;

(b) the way through which the Minimum Support Price with respect to one market one price will be protected in the States of India;

(c) whether any statutory arrangement is proposed to be made to maintain Minimum Support Price, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Digital Devices for Differently Abled Students**

343. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved any programme of action on the development of digital devices for the differently abled students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has entered into any MoU with other countries for the skill development and technology development of differently abled students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Facilities in Hospitals for Handicapped

†344. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to ensure infrastructural facilities in hospitals for the handicapped for test, quarantine facilities and treatments of COVID-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any measures have been taken by the Government for destitute/beggar/homeless during the lockdown period; and

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

#### Ban on Insecticides

345. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has objected to the Ministry of Agriculture's ban on three basic insecticides-Monocrotophos, Methomyl and Carbofuran which are declared extremely toxic/hazardous by WHO and European Union (EU);

(b) whether it is a fact that inspite of recommendations of Anupam Verma Committee's report constituted in 2013 which reviewed 66 insecticides and pesticides which were barred or restrictions were put on their use in 112 countries, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers ignored the extreme toxicity and potentially fatal nature of these pesticides and insecticides; and

(c) if so, whether short-term profits for the industry should be the reason to take away the right to life of agricultural workers and farmers, or to do irreparable harm to the environment?

#### CIPET in Deoghar

346. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET) is to be set up at Deoghar, district of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for its speedy completion?

#### Rise in Crime

†347. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALLAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of crime are on the rise in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the total number of such cases registered during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of the total number of accused arrested in this regard and the action taken against them, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop such incidents in the future?

#### Availability of Remdesivir

348. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA: SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current availability of Remdesivir with different pharmaceuticals companies and the demand for anti viral from different States;

(b) whether production of remdesivir by Pharma companies in India is able to match the requirement, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the estimated shortage;

(c) the names of the companies with the license to manufacture Remdesivir in the country;

(d) whether the Government has received more applications requesting for license to manufacture remdesivir, if so, the details and states thereof;

(e) whether the Government is permitting pharma companies to import remdesivir from foreign countries who are in advanced stages of production and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures taken by the Government to bring the price of Remdesivir under control in the country?

#### Retail Food Inflation

349. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the 14.12 per cent retail food inflation which is a six year high;

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

(c) whether during the lockdown large section of people have lacked salaries and daily wages, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government for the reduction of food prices?

**Merger of CAPART & NIRD**

350. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the merger of Council of Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology(CAPART) with the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time likely to be taken in merging of CAPART with NIRD?

**Ongoing Government schemes in Gopalganj, Bihar**

351. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing schemes of the Government pertaining to Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and dairy wherein the youth are motivated to do business at small scale in Bihar especially in district Gopalganj, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is providing infrastructure for more development of this sector in rural parts of Bihar including district Gopalganj; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Soil Testing Laboratories**

†352. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of soil testing laboratories in Gujarat at present and their details thereof, place-wise;

(b) the details of the number of soil tests carried out in these laboratories during the last three years, year-wise and lab-wise; and

(c) the details of the number of complaints against the said tests during the last three years along with the nature of the said complaints and the testing centre-wise and year-wise details thereof?

**Demands of States under PDS**

†353. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total demand received so far from each of the State Governments for supply of wheat, rice, sugar, foodgrains, kerosene oil under Public Distribution System (PDS) during the current year along with the extent of allocation made per month to each of the States;

(b) whether the demand of Maharashtra State has been met fully; and

(c) the extent of quantity lifted by each of the State Governments per month during the said period?

**FDI in Heavy Industry Sector**

354. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage more FDI Equity in the Heavy Industry Sector in the country, during the next four years, to align with its "Make in India Initiative";

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

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to reduce its equity in the public sector heavy Industry, during this current FY 2020-21; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, industry-wise?

**Increase in Employment under MGNREGA**

355. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp increase in the number of persons seeking employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the ongoing financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of people who have been provided employment under MGNREGA in the ongoing financial year;

(c) the budget allocated and released by the Government under the scheme;

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(d) whether the Ministry has requested an additional budget allocation from the Government considering the sharp rise in the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has expanded the ambit of work offered under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**Action Plan for Agriculture under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**

356. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any action plan under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to double farmer's income;

(b) the sources of income which have been identified to double farmer's income;

(c) whether any target has been set to double the income of marginal farmers under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the number of marginal farmers who have achieved doubling of income, district-wise in the State of Gujarat in the last three years; and

(e) the details of quantum of fund allocated under various schemes to the State of Gujarat under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan?

**Shortage of Veterinarians**

357. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the shortage of veterinarians in view of the fact that it is the responsibility of veterinarians to contribute in keeping the nation healthy by increasing availability of animal protein and also that veterinarians will play a big role in helping achieve Government's aim to double farmers' income by 2022;

(b) the efforts made/to be made by the Government to increase the production of livestock, poultry and fish so that the country's citizens are well-nourished and healthy; and

(c) the measures taken/propose to be taken to open cow sanctuaries and to bring animal ambulance at farmers' doorsteps throughout the country?

**Beneficiaries under NFSA**

358. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) State-wise;

(b) the details of allocation and lifting of additional foodgrains and pulses provisioned for National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), State-wise;

(c) the details of migrants not covered under the National Food Security Act or State PDS scheme, State-wise;

(d) the status of distribution of food grains and pulses to 8 crore migrant workers and their families under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme;

(e) whether NGOs and welfare organisations were provided subsidised food grains under the PMGKAY; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Sub Categorisation of SCs**

†359. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Constitutional Bench of Supreme Court has directed to review its decision of 2004 (EV Chinniah vs State of Andhra Pradesh);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States have been directed to sub-categorise it further; and

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

**Complaints under PM Kisan Scheme**

360. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been reported of certain farmers eligible for direct benefit transfers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Yojana not receiving the benefits due to errors in the data entry resulting in the farmers being connected to villages other than their own;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received from Satara district of Maharashtra;

(c) the measures taken to correct the errors; and

(d) the time-frame in which these farmers will receive the pending benefits?

### Promotion of Organic Farming

†361. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to promote organic farming in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any special plan for sale of organic products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

### Cash Benefit Transfers under MGNREGS

362. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being taken to launch new cash benefit transfers after the success of enrolment and dependency of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any measures are being taken to expand the absorbing capacity of the MGNREGS programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Foodgrains and Buffer Stocks

363. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that in spite of COVID-19, the growth of agriculture and allied activities has gone up, particularly between March, 2020, and August, 2020;

(b) if so, the details of growth of agriculture and allied activities during the last six months, month-wise;

(c) whether the Government is going to capitalize this and push it further and whether there is any impact on agricultural exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of foodgrains stocks and buffer stocks in the country, State and commodity-wise?

### Features of PMGKAY

364. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the features of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY);

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this yojana within Tamil Nadu so far;

(c) the details of the free foodgrains provided to the National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries under this yojana within Tamil Nadu;

(d) the detail of the target set and its progress achieved, so far;

(e) whether the Government is planning to extend the benefits under this yojana for some more months in view of the COVID-19 crisis within the country and to ensure that the poor and the needy do not sleep hungry; and

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

### Cultivation under National Bamboo Mission

365. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the increase in bamboo cultivation achieved through the National Bamboo Mission since its inception;

(b) the number of bamboo farmers benefitting under the Mission;

(c) whether any post-harvest processing units were created under the Mission;

(d) if so, State-wise details thereof;

(e) whether any farmers and artisans have received skilling under the Mission;

(f) whether the bamboo farmers and artisans have received any financial assistance under the Mission; and

(g) if so, details thereof?

### Illegal Activities at Indo Nepal Border

†366. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of incidents related to destruction of pillars, smuggling, infiltration etc. at the Indo-Nepal Border;

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

(c) whether the Government is formulating any firm plan to stop smuggling, infiltration etc. to make Indian Border safe and secure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



### PMAY in Assam

367. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) has been meeting its stated construction targets in the State of Assam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of houses constructed in Assam, particularly in the districts falling under Nagaon Parliamentary Constituency, since the launch of the programme; and

(d) the quantum of funds utilized in the said State, particularly in the districts falling under Nagaon Parliamentary Constituency, during the last three years, year-wise?

### Cross Border Intrusion

368. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details regarding the number of intrusions across the border by other countries/terrorists;

(b) if so, the details of such intrusions during the last 12 months, month-wise and place-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to stop the intrusion and secure our territories?

### Stimulus Package for Covid-19

369. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

DR.PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given any stimulus package to the States to meet the Covid-19 challenges;

(b) if so, the details of assistance under such packages given to various states so far; and

(c) the details of the criteria under which assistance has been given to the States?

### Loan Waiver for the Farmers

370. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for loan waiver for the farmers amid of major losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic out break;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of relief measures given to agricultural farmers to overcome from the major losses due to lockdown?

### Soil Health Card

371. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Soil Health Testing Laboratories established in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and the number of farmers who got soil test done along with the details of their districts during the last four years; and

(b) the total number of farmers who have been provided with Soil Health Cards under Soil Health Management Scheme for increase in the agricultural production across the country during the last years?

### Constitution of GoM on Sexual Harassment

372. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted a GoM in October, 2018, after MeToo movement to address the issues of sexual harassment at the workplace;

(b) if so, whether the said GoM was required to submit a report in three months time on strengthening a legal framework;

(c) whether the said GoM had been reconstituted in 2019;

(d) whether it is a fact that even the reconstituted GoM has also failed to submit the report as required, as on date; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereon?

### Leakage in PDS

373. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिकवितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any move to assess the extent of leakage in Public Distribution System (PDS) from the point of procurement of grains till the point it reaches to the fair price shops;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the percentage of grains actually reaching the fair price shops during the last year;

(c) the number of fake ration cards that have been found and cancelled as in December, 2013, State-wise; and

(d) the percentage thereof vis-à-vis the existence of genuine ration cards as in December, 2013, State-wise?

#### **Investigation into Gold Smuggling**

374. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:  
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the case registered by the National Investigation Agency into the smuggling of Gold by some miscreants using the diplomatic baggage through Thiruvananthapuram airport along with the status of the investigation thereof; and

(b) the level of involvement of State Government officers and particularly the office of the Chief Minister in the said case and the action taken thereon?

#### **Damage to Agricultural Land due to Flood**

375. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken stock of the damage caused to agricultural land and produce due to floods in various parts of Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning on introducing any special packages to help rehabilitate and compensate the farmers in Odisha for their losses; and

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

#### **Free Foodgrains distributed under PMGKAY**

376. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of free foodgrains distributed under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to the poorest to help them to cope with the economic pain of coronavirus induced lockdown;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised under the said Yojana so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Government for irregularities/corruption in implementation

of the said Yojana so far, State/UT-wise along with the action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said Yojana in the country?

#### **Farmers under NHB Schemes**

377. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to help and strengthen, agricultural activity for doubling farmers income, there are many cases of farmers especially in Maharashtra under Nasik Regional office of National Horticulture Board (NHB) where the farmers have submitted their proposals for In Principle Approval (IPA) under NHB scheme of Shade net House but the farmers were not informed about acceptance or rejection of their proposal and borrowed large amount of loans from banks;

(b) whether the Government will provide assistance to save the farmers from the distress situation of the burden of repayment of loan & its interest as the Banks were pressing for recovery; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regards?

#### **Benefits of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Scheme to Agriculture in Kerala**

378. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Scheme will prove beneficial to the agricultural sector in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is able to specify the potential benefits Kerala's agricultural sector may receive from the scheme;

(c) whether the Ministry is able to offer a timeline for the implementation of the scheme, including in Kerala; and

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

#### **Instances of corruption under PM Kisan Scheme**

379. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent corruption of Fake PM Kisan accounts siphoning funds provided to poor farmers under Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana in Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and stringent action taken against the corrupt and the perpetrators of such crime in Tamil Nadu as well as other places in the country;

(c) whether the Union Government will conduct a thorough State-wide enquiry to ascertain if such corrupt practices happened on a large scale throughout Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand on this corrupt practice?

#### **Inadequate Storage Capacity**

380. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of warehouses in the country along with the foodgrains storage capacity thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that every year a lot of foodgrains get spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity of foodgrains in the country;

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the names of the States having excess storage capacity at present?

#### **Promotion of Agricultural Research**

381. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken/proposed by the Government to promote agricultural research and education to make the country self-reliant in the agriculture sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the suggested norms/criteria for opening new agriculture universities in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish new agricultural universities in various States including Jharkhand;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for the purpose including the estimated funds required for the same; and

(e) the suggested timeline for the establishment of these universities?

#### **Illegal Activities of Islamic Outfits**

382. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take action against Islamic outfits like Jamaat-e-Islami organisation's student wing Student Islamic Organisation (SIO) for its reported alliance with the Turkish Youth Federation (TUGVA), which is infamous for funding radical Islamic terrorism in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering a ban on political outfits like SDPI, PFI and other such organisations following the incidents in DJ Halli and KG Halli police stations of Bengaluru recently, where many vandals associated with the SDPI assaulted policemen and damaged public property; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Shipping Channel**

383. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the new shipping channel proposed by the Shipping Ministry is through the fishing bank known as "Kollam Parappu", if so the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received the representations from the Member of Parliament requesting to reconsider the proposal so as to save the livelihood of the fisherfolk in Kollam and neighbouring places;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Ministry of Shipping has consulted Fisheries Ministry prior to finalise the shipping channel, if so the details thereof;

(e) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the existing ecosystem suitable for the growth of fish is disturbed the same will adversely affect the livelihood of the fisherfolk; and

(f) if so, the action taken to find out a new fishing channel without disturbing the fishing bank "Kollam Parappu"?

#### **Pending Payments of Procurements**

384. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that lot of payments to several States are pending against procurement of food grains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target for the procurement of food grains in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and items-wise?

#### Use of Dangerous Chemical and Pesticides

†385. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that fertilizers and pesticides used for increasing agricultural productivity are dangerous and harmful and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to discontinue the use of dangerous chemicals and pesticides;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the use of such dangerous chemicals and pesticides?

#### Revival of Sick Units

386. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to revive the sick units of urea plants during the coming years as part of its Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request from fertilizer industry to review the urea subsidy system to make existing factories viable and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of the Government on such request?

#### Installation of E-PoS Devices in Ration Shops

387. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:  
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:  
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given directions to State Governments to install E-PoS devices in ration shops across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States that have partially or fully implemented the program;

(c) whether the Central Government plans to reimburse Rs. 130 crores for already purchased E-Pos devices by Andhra Pradesh which is pending with Government of India; and

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

#### Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund

388. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:  
SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:  
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved the establishment of the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund of Rs 15,000 crore for infrastructure development in dairy sectors which was announced under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Economic Package;
- (b) whether it is true that the Ministry has got Rs. 15,000 crores under Aatmanirbhar Bharat to help various sectors of the Ministry, if so, details thereof and sectors to which Ministry is going to help and how it is going to help through the above fund and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this fund also covers investment made for establishment of animal feed plants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has spent funds from the above fund as on date and the details thereof?

#### New Scheme during Covid 19

389. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been implemented in the country in the current financial year during the COVID 19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme;
- (d) whether any third party independent evaluation has been undertaken for the above scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020

390. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020 was unveiled in 2013 as part of the Fame India Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has amended the Scheme to reduce pollution from Road Transport and cover all vehicle segments and if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount allocated and utilized in this regard;

(c) the details of incentives provided to manufacturers and the number of electric/ hybrid vehicles benefitted as on 31 August 2020;

(d) whether the Government has launched the second phase of the Fame India Scheme recently and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of cities selected for the pilot project of Multi-Modal Electric Public Transport; and

(f) whether the Government has approved the pilot project of charging infrastructure and project of technological development since 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof?

### PMS for OBC Students

391. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE  
PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) is being implemented in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the amount allocated, released and utilised under the scheme across the country including Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the funds allocated by the Government under the said scheme has not been fully utilized;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

### Role of NPPA for Drug Availability

392. SHRI IVINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has played a crucial role in ensuring the availability of essential drugs at reasonable prices during the COVID 19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including West Bengal;

(c) whether the NPPA has set up a Control Room to prevent any shortage of medicines during COVID-19 pandemic and resolve public grievances;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the NPPA has supplied critical medicines from India during the pandemic to over 120 countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of other steps being taken by the Chemical and Fertilizer Ministry during the COVID 19 pandemic?

### Perishable Fruits and Vegetables

393. SHRI G. SELVAM:  
SHRI DHANUSH M.KUMAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unavailability of market for perishable fruits and vegetables due to Covid-19, have forced farmers to indulge in distress sale, leading to a reduction in the price of perishable fruits and vegetables especially in Tamil Nadu at the farm level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently formulated any scheme under operation green to prevent distress sale;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expected number of farmers who are likely to benefitted under this move especially in Tamil Nadu;

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to develop model markets for marketing and sale of perishable commodities;

(e) the details of institutional arrangement made by the Government to take care of production, marketing and delivery of fruits and vegetables during each of the last three years and its impact on the life of farmers; and

(f) whether the Government will also develop e-markets for farmers to sell their vegetables and fruits and if so, the details thereof?

#### Beneficiaries under PMGKAY

394. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:  
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:  
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:  
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:  
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people in the country have got benefited from ration distributed during the lockdown period under PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons benefitted therein, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has extended the facility after the post-lockdown period also;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana offers free foodgrains in the States including additional wheat or rice and lentils to all households with ration cards but it is utterly inadequate to address the massive and growing problem of malnutrition in the country as the majority cannot afford a balanced diet as at present the nutrient-adequate diet costs \$2.12 a day; and

(f) if so, the details thereof State-wise and the steps being taken to increase the quantity of each item in future under the scheme?

#### Norms for Drug Manufacturing

- †395. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI JOHN BARLA:  
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down any norms for drug manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any notice has been issued to such drug manufacturers who are not adhering to the said norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the till date; and

(e) the details of the action taken by the Government so far against the said drug manufacturers?

#### Funds for House Construction under PMAY

396. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
MS. DIYA KUMARI:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of assistance given for construction of houses in rural areas is less than the total amount required, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount provided under Prime Minister Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) during the last two years and the current year including the details of the citizens benefitted thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware that many States are not releasing the funds and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount for individual house construction;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be increased; and

(f) if not, the reasons for the same?

#### Loss due to Heavy Rains and Flood

397. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many States in the country have been affected by heavy rains and floods in the recent months;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed, injured and missing along with the extent of damage to property reported and the estimated monetary loss, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received from the State Governments to compensate the said losses and the assistance sanctioned and released by the Union Government along with the criteria adopted for sanction of assistance, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of NDRF teams deployed in the affected States along with the number of persons rescued, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the measures taken to evolve a permanent mechanism to deal with such calamities?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Locust Attacks**

398. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:  
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRIMATI MALA ROY:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:  
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are widespread locust attacks in different parts of the country causing widespread crop losses to farmers and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the damage caused by locust to farmers who are already facing lot of problem due to COVID-19 pandemic especially the total hectares of crops damaged and if so, the details thereof, crop and State-wise;

(c) whether any talks have been held with neighbouring countries from where the locusts have originated, if so, the details thereof and its outcome;

(d) whether the Government is planning to give any compensation or relief for farmers who have been affected by locust attacks and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether farmers in locust affected areas in the country have been educated or trained about the locust attacks, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other preventive measures/action plan taken by the Government to stop recurrence of the situation or effectively control the future attacks of the locust in the coming months?

**Foodgrain Distribution under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Scheme**

399. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by the Government to distribute free foodgrains to migrant workers under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Scheme;

(b) the total quantum of foodgrains that have been lifted and distributed by the States to identified migrant workers;

(c) whether free grain under the Aatmanirbhar Scheme for migrant labourers have reached only 31 per cent of the intended beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the details of inter-State transactions benefiting migrant workers that have taken place through ePos during the last three months;

(e) whether the Government intends to continue this scheme considering the difficulties of migrant workers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Bio-Fertilizer**

400. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to force a farmer to buy bio-fertilizer for each bag of urea to support organic nutrients and reduce the use of artificial fertilizers; and

(b) whether the Government plans to encourage the technique of drip fertilization in which the drip system mixes fertilizer into irrigation water, if so, the details thereof?

**Transfer of Funds under PM-KISAN Scheme**

401. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds transferred to the farmers under the PM-KISAN Scheme that provides income support to land-holding farmers. families in the current financial year as on date and the last financial year;

(b) the State-wise break-up thereof;

(c) whether there has been an increase in the number of farmers registered in the State of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plans of increasing the income support under this scheme to help farmers across the nation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Economic Losses due to Corona Virus Pandemic

†402. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rural areas have suffered the maximum economic loss due to the Corona Virus pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any assessment in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action plan prepared by the Government to deal with the said situation?

### Impact of Removal of Article 370

403. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWASI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the changes noticed by the Government after one year of removing Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has passed;
- (b) whether many of the political leaders of J&K are still under house arrest;
- (c) if so, the rationale behind keeping these leaders under house arrest if the conditions are normal in J&K;
- (d) the total funds given during the year for the development of J&K and employment opportunities to the people; and
- (e) the steps taken for the development of J&K and providing employment opportunities to the people?

### Employment under MGNREGS

404. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan/proposal to allow employment for workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in private agricultural activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the plan/proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) the total number of workers likely to be benefited by implementing this plan?

### Riverine Fishing Ports

405. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify such riverine fishing ports where there is scarcity of infrastructure and other facilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has announced steps for development of inland fisheries in the country and if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is undertaking steps to boost economic activity along river banks and if so, details thereof;
- (d) the details of the proposals submitted for setting up of new inland fishing ports during the last three years and the current year, State and UT-wise and in district of Saran; and
- (e) the details of total fishing produce in the country, inland and coastal, State-wise, for the last seven years?

### Distribution of Sub-standard Foodgrains under PDS

†406. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether complaints have been received regarding the distribution of sub-standard foodgrains under Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken in this regard during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria laid down for quality for various food grains under PDS, food grain-wise;
- (d) whether the Government monitors the quality of foodgrains being distributed through PDS;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the mechanism put in place in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether there is any grievance redressal system regarding the quality of food grains being supplied to the beneficiaries under PDS and if so, the details thereof?

### States under PM Crop Insurance Scheme

407. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:



(a) the details of the States which are part of the PM Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) the details of premium paid to insurance companies and claims settled by them, State-wise and company-wise?

#### Payment of Instalments under PM-KISAN Scheme

408. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of funds transferred and the number of farmers benefited under PM-KISAN scheme during April-August, 2020, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government will consider advance payment of the remaining instalments of PM-KISAN for the FY 2020-21, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to increase the amount to Rs. 12,000 per beneficiary per year and to implement the same in the current financial year, if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Food Processing Industries

409. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for setting up/expansion of food processing industries in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Bihar;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding setting up and expansion of such industries in fruit and vegetable growing areas in Bihar particularly in Kishanganj and adjoining districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government in the current year for expansion of food processing industries to provide employment opportunities to the local community?

#### Small Fruit Processing Units

†410. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up small fruits processing units for providing remunerative prices to the farmers;

(b) if so, the names of the districts where such units are proposed to be set up specially in Haryana;

(c) whether the setting up of such units in each district is required for the upliftment of farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the units already set up in the country including Haryana?

#### Houses to Poor People

†411. SHRIIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI

SHAH:

SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH

CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of houses provided by the Government to the poor people in the rural areas of the country, State-wise including Uttarakhand and Bundelkhand;

(b) the targets of the Government with regard to the houses likely to be provided in Uttarakhand and Bundelkhand in the next two to three years and the last two years respectively;

(c) whether any survey regarding effects of providing houses and migration for employment has been conducted; and

(d) if so, the details of the migration affected regions, State-wise including Uttarakhand and Bundelkhand?

#### Aadhaar Option for Free Ration

412. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to make Aadhaar optional to avail free ration to avoid exclusion errors;

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

(c) whether the Government is planning to provide nutrition package with cereals for children under fourteen years; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Impact of COVID-19 on Agricultural Supply Chain

413. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken serious note of the impact of COVID-19 on the rural sector particularly on the agricultural supply chain, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that non-availability of permits to trucks to carry groceries, fruits, and cereals has impacted the supply chain of the country and caused major losses to farmers as it increased the time taken for the farm produce to reach the market, if so, the details of the same; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to give compensation to farmers affected due to impact of COVID-19 on the supply chain-side, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safety of Elected Representatives**

414. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that a number of elected representatives of various Panchayati Raj bodies were killed in Jammu & Kashmir by militants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the safety of elected representatives of local Self Governments of the State?

#### **Impact of Floods in North Bihar**

415. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH *ALIAS*  
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not a fact that lakhs of farmers have lost their animals as well as fisheries ponds in more than 16 districts of North Bihar during recent heavy floods, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also not a fact that the low milk production due to heavy floods in North Bihar is affecting the livelihood of the farmer; and

(c) if so, the details of financial support being planned by the Government to be provided to those farmers in Bihar and the details thereof?

#### **Farm Activities during Lockdown Period**

416. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level during the lockdown period;

(b) whether the Government has launched Agri Transport Call Centre, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of insurance claims disbursed to farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) between March to August, 2020, State-wise; and

(d) the quantum of pulses disbursed for delivery under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) to States from March to July, 2020, State-wise?

#### **Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic**

417. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of impact of COVID-19 pandemic on small-scale fishers, including marketing and processing aspects of the sector and coastal fishing communities; and

(b) whether the negative consequences to date have included complete shutdown of some fisheries, knock-on economic effects from market disruptions, increased health risks for fishers, processors and communities, additional impact on marginalized groups, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Construction of Godowns**

418. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought permission of the Centre to construct 20 lakh metric tonne capacity godowns in the State in view of shortage of covered storage capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether they would be covered under the guarantee of the Central Government and the Food Corporation of India; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by the Ministry to ease out the crisis of acute shortage of covered storage space this year in Gujarat?

#### **Distress Migration in Rural Areas**

419. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study recently on the level of distress migration in the country from rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rate of distress migration is higher from the rural areas of certain States than the others, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government apart from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), in order to reduce distress migration?

#### Unsolicited/Suspicious Seed Parcels

420. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unsolicited/ suspicious seed parcels in mislabelled packages from unknown sources were reported in the country, if so the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether the Government has received any information about Chinese seeds penetrating into Indian fields, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Funds under MGNREGS

421. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH: SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is running out of funds and the allocation has already been used up by mid-year in the current year while monsoon and COVID-19 has also affected work availability;

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

(c) the corrective steps being taken in this regard along with the demands received from each State and the action taken thereon for the future and action plan to tackle this situation?

#### Loss to Horticultural Cultivators due to Lockdown

422. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fruit and flower farmers lost their crops due to the lockdown;

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

(c) whether the Government has provided these farmers any economic assistance; and

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

#### Import of Bulk Drugs/APIs

423. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of imports of various Bulk Drugs/ Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for producing medicines during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total value of imports of such APIs from China during the said period;

(c) whether due to the outbreak of Coronavirus, the imports have been curtailed; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to mitigate the shortage of such APIs ?

#### Cotton Cultivation

424. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of cotton has increased compared to last year across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has increased the rate of cotton in the present year, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of cotton?

#### Production of Potatoes, Onions and Tomatoes

†425. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that potato, onion and tomato are produced in abundance in Rajasthan including Sikar;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to ensure that the farmers get remunerative price for their produce;

(c) whether the farmers in the country including Sikar, Rajasthan do not have any arrangement for preserving onions and tomatoes for a long time and as a result they are forced to sell their produce at low rates; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to preserve the produce of the farmers so that unnecessary hike in prices may also be checked?

#### **GKRA in Rajasthan and Jharkhand**

426. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and utilised under the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) in the country during the last six months, month-wise, State-wise and district-wise for Rajasthan and Jharkhand;

(b) the mandays employment generated in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Rajasthan and Jharkhand; and

(c) the various structures created or services provided under GKRA under various categories in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Rajasthan and Jharkhand?

#### **Impact of COVID-19 on Pharma Industry**

427. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the country's pharma industry in view of the fact that the country imports 70 per cent of raw materials from China for manufacture of medicines;

(b) if so, the Government's plan thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to support pharma sector to source raw materials for drugs from other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cultivation of Kharif Crop**

†428. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kharif crop has been cultivated more in the year 2020-21 in comparison to the previous years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase Government prices of Kharif crops like paddy, soyabean, maize, jowar, bajra etc, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether soyabean crops in Wardha, Amravati and Aavtmal in Vidarbha is ruined;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing compensation for the loss to the farmers; and

(e) if so, by when it is likely to be done?

#### **Milk Processing Capacity**

429. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of India in respect to world milk production along with the present milk processing capacities in the country;

(b) whether the Government has proposed to double the milk processing capacity in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(d) the number of milk dairy co-operatives running at present in Tripura and Maharashtra along with the details of the production of milk during each of the last three years, district-wise;

(e) whether the Government has not been able to bring in investment in dairy sector and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to increase milk production and reduce the cost of production so that India could retain its number one ranking in milk production?

#### **Target for Farmers Income**

430. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set a target for farmers' income for 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the base year set for the farmers' income target;

(c) the income/wage earned annually by farmers State-wise from the base year to the latest available with annual percentage growth and annual percentage growth required to achieve the target set for 2022;

(d) whether the target set for 2022 can be achieved at the current annual percentage growth rate;

(e) if not, the plans, programmes or roadmap to achieve the target by 2022;

(f) the annual percentage growth rate required from 2019-20 to achieve the target by 2022;

(g) whether the Government has any plans to achieve the required annual percentage growth rate; and

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

#### **Agriculture Fund to Increase Farmer Income**

431. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government is drawn to the matter of announcement of setting up of one lakh crore Agriculture Fund with a view to increase the income of farmers and to achieve empowerment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the detail of the sops and exemptions being given under this scheme?

#### **Construction/Renovation of Godowns/Warehouses in Rural Areas**

432. SHR RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Schemes/Programmes implemented by the Government for construction/renovation of godowns/warehouses in rural areas of various States to enhance the storage capacity of agricultural produce in the country;

(b) the number of godowns/warehouses constructed/renovated under the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated/ released/ utilised under the said schemes/programmes during the said period, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise;

(d) the cases of irregularities in implementation of the said schemes/programmes that has come to the notice of the Government during the said period, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise along with action taken/being taken thereon; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate storage capacity of agriculture produce in the country?

#### **Development of SCs**

433. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efforts being made for the development of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) have been adversely affected due to inadequate allocation of funds in comparison to their population in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto indicating the percentage and total population of SCs in the country including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the funds allocated for their development during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure adequate allocation of funds for the development of the SCs?

#### **Welfare of Handicapped**

434. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total works carried out in Bharatpur District of Rajasthan for the welfare of Handicapped persons during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the total amount released for the said works; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Compensation for Crop Damage**

†435. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH *ALLIAS*  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the unit on which crop insurance is fixed and the amount of compensation provided under various crop insurance schemes;

(b) the details of the extent to which insurance companies compensate the loss of the farmers in the event of destruction of crops due to natural disasters;

(c) whether the farmers have been provided compensation under various crop insurance schemes for damage to crops due to hailstorms, excessive rains and storms during the last three years and the details of the situation in Maharashtra; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time limit fixed for providing compensation to farmers under various crop insurance schemes?

#### **Sugarcane dues to Farmers**

†436. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugarcane farmers are yet to be paid their dues in different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount of dues which are to be paid by Sugar mills of Bajaj Group in different States;

(c) the total number of Sugar mills of Bajaj Group in Uttar Pradesh and the details of the total outstanding amount on them of the sugarcane farmers particularly in Lakhimpur district;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action for non-payment of the sugarcane dues; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Nation wide Lockdown**

437. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the exact inputs that impelled the Government to initiate a nation wide lockdown in the country to combat COVID-19 on 23rd March 2020;

(b) the reasons why the lockdown was initiated at a mere four hours notice on 23rd March 2020 and the urgency that the country had to be locked down at such short notice;

(c) the details of notifications/clarifications/amendments/addendums/corrigenda issued by the Ministry under the National Disaster Management Act and the Epidemic Diseases Act to implement the lockdown between 23rd of March -1st September 2020 to implement various phases of the lockdown;

(d) whether the lockdown has been successful in preventing the proliferation of COVID-19; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in Rape Incidents**

†438. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the incidents of rape of minor girls during the last few years in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make provisions for more strict punishment in cases related to rape;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in Number of Mandis**

439. SHRIIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of mandis across the country since it is a fact that average area served by mandis in the country is 434.48 sq km as against the recommendation of one mandi per 80 sq km made by National Commission for Farmers in 2004;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the availability of market places and warehousing facilities through the 'Self Sufficient India' programme and one lakh crore rupees has been announced for this sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Incentives for Production of Paddy Seeds**

440. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is giving any incentive for promoting the production of paddy seeds to farmers;

(b) if so, the details of such incentives that have been paid to the farmers during the past three years including current year, category-wise/State-wise/year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to decrease the rate of incentive paid to the farmers; and

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

**PMAY-G in Odisha**

441. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna-Gramin (PMAY-G) in Odisha, district-wise; and

(b) the sanctioned and completed house in the districts of Angul and Dhenkanal?

**Nexus of Film Industry in Drug Trafficking**

442. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government has conducted a detailed inquiry in the nexus between people in the film industry and those involved in drug trade during the COVID-19 lockdown; and

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

#### **Doubling of Farmers' Income**

443. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:  
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target to double farmers income is on course to be achieved in the coming two years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which COVID-19 has had an impact on the target;

(c) the extent to which schemes like e-NAM, Farmer Produce Organisations, etc., are helping farmers to increase their income;

(d) the method through which the Ministry is going to compare farmers average income of 2015-16 with the income in 2019-20 when no survey has been conducted;

(e) Whether there are any plans to conduct a survey to find out present income of farmers and the extent of increase in their income in 2019-20; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Provision of Land to Migrant Labourers**

†444. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to COVID-19, migrant labourers of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have returned from other States, become unemployed and are compelled to do farming on their own village lands, the area of which is very less;

(b) if so, whether the Government has implemented any scheme to provide additional land to the migrant labourers to do farming; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Losses due to Covid-19 and Lockdown**

†445. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of losses suffered by the farmers and agriculture sector of the country due to Covid-19 and lockdown and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating any welfare scheme for providing relief to the farmers after conducting survey of crop loss incurred due to Covid-19 and lockdown;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Pending Wage under MGNREGS**

†446. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount for wage payment is pending to the States under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof of Chhattisgarh, State-wise including in Bilaspur and Mungeli district;

(c) whether an amount for payment of wage and material is pending in Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for such pendency of wages; and

(e) the time by which the pending amount is likely to be released?

#### **Relief Package for Differently Abled**

†447. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to give more relief package alongwith the existing concessions being given to the persons with disabilities for self employment in view of the global pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey or constituted task group for addressing the economic status of the persons with disabilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Food Processing Enterprises**

448. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing enterprises in the country, category-wise (Large, Medium, and Micro) and State-wise;

(b) the total number of SHGs (Self-Help Groups) and producer cooperatives involved in food processing, State-wise; and

(c) the details of ongoing and upcoming projects and initiatives taken by the Government in Jharkhand, especially in districts of Hazaribagh and Ramgarh?

#### **Modernisation of State Police Forces**

449. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn any plan for modernization of State Police force;

(b) if so, whether the plan also includes installation of CCTV cameras across the towns and cities;

(c) if so, the total amount released for installation of CCTV cameras, State-wise, during the last three years;

(d) the reasons for most of these CCTVs becoming non-functional and the money spent by each State for annual maintenance and service; and

(e) the details of steps likely to be taken to rectify these shortcomings and fixing of responsibilities?

#### **Scholarship to Weaker Sections**

450. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide scholarship to students belonging to weaker sections of the society for studying abroad;

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

(c) whether the Government has laid down any eligibility criteria for such scholarships; and

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

#### **Sahakar Mitra Scheme**

451. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched Sahakar Mitra Scheme recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any criteria to shortlist candidates for the internship;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of applications received for internship and the amount of financial support provided to each interns;

(e) whether the Government has step up any online application portal for this purpose and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to popularize the portal; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to make the scheme a success by involving young professionals to provide latest technologies to help boost agriculture and its allied sector?

#### **Regulatory Mechanism for Centrally Funded Projects**

452. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any regulatory/ surveillance mechanism for centrally funded projects;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated and used thereof State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the concerned officials, State-wise, mechanism specially in Delhi /NCR alongwith nodal officials in this regard?

#### **Wrongful Claim of Organic Produce**

453. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY  
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of agricultural produce from India claimed to be organic and proving to be otherwise upon testing;

(b) the details of action taken against those making such fraudulent claims, including the number of cases filed, the status of these cases and the punishments given on conviction; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that such fraudulent practices are stopped?

#### **Food Park in West Bengal**

454. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:



Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new food parks have been sanctioned to the State of West Bengal in the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Loss due to Cyclone Amphan and Nisargahas

455. SHRI AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRI P.C. GADDIGUDAR:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a severe cyclone 'Amphan' and 'Nisarga' has struck several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the impact of the cyclone on farmers/fishermen and the details of losses suffered, State-wise;

(c) the number of NDRF and ODRAF personnel deployed and the number of persons rescued, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has sent Central teams to assess the damage and if so, the outcome thereof including the recommended allocation of funds to farmers for the crop losses and damages, the amount of relief sought by the affected States and the assistance provided/likely to be provided to the farmers and fishermen by the Government, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for co-ordination of all the concerned departments of Central/State Governments to minimize the losses due to such type of calamities in future?

#### Payment to Employees of Agricultural Universities

†456. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue any guidelines for payments under 7th Pay Commission to employees of the Agricultural Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has made the said payment;

(d) if so, the reasons for not extending the benefit to employees of Agricultural Universities of Rajasthan so far; and

(e) the dates on which letters/circulars in this regard were issued by the Union Government?

#### Foreign Funding to NGOs

457. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign funds received and utilised by NGOs registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act during the last three years;

(b) the details of the projects which have utilized such foreign funding; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to monitor the utilization of such foreign funding and the details thereof?

#### Mega Foods Parks Scheme

458. DR. (PROF.) KIRTI PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

(a) the salient features of the Mega Food Parks Scheme and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the number of jobs that are expected to be created under this scheme and the details thereof;

(c) the number of Agro-Processing Clusters proposed to be set up under the scheme, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether this scheme will have any impact on crop wastage and is so, the details thereof?

#### Implementation of AAY

459. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) is being implemented by the Government in all the States

(b) if so, the total quantum and value of food grains allocated under the said scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of families being benefited under the said scheme, State-wise;

(d) the efforts made by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the targeted beneficiaries;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to double the coverage of the Antodaya Anna Yojana; and

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

**Inclusion of Disabled Persons  
under NFSA**

460. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD  
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

NEW DELHI;  
*September 11, 2020*  
*Bhadrapada 20, 1942 (Saka)*

(a) whether the Central Government have requested the States to ensure inclusion of all eligible disabled persons under the National Food Security Act 2013;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Central Government have any data to find out the number of eligible disabled persons in various States as on 31st December, 2019;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the number of eligible disabled persons so far covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 in various States?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA  
*Secretary General*

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