

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Friday, September 25, 2020/Asvina 3, 1942 (Saka)

(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

#### Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020

2531. 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 AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has promulgated the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also promulgated the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has assessed the impact of COVID-19 on agriculture, if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken thereon; and

(f) other steps being taken by the Government for the agriculture sector?

#### Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rojgar Yojana

2532. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rojgar Yojana;

(b) whether the scheme is implemented in few selected States when labourers from all States are suffering;

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

(d) the number of persons benefited from the scheme and the percentage of employment achieved?

#### Grant of Freedom Fighter Status

†2533. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant the status of freedom fighter or democracy fighters to those political prisoners who were sentenced to jail during the Emergency;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide these political prisoners or their spouses financial and other facilities as an alternative; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Peace Talks with Naga Insurgent Groups

2534. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

SHRI TOKHEHO YEPHOMI:

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the complete and unabridged text of agreement signed by the Government with Naga groups on 3 August, 2015;

(b) the current status of Peace Talks with the Naga Insurgent groups especially the NSCN-IM;

(c) the details of demands made by Naga groups; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Crime against Women

2535. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in the number of cases of domestic abuse, rape or other forms of violence against women during the last six months and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to address crimes against women during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and rate of conviction in the said cases, State-wise and district-wise in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite cases relating to crimes against women?

### Forged SC/ST Certificate

†2536. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of people arrested in connection with recruitment to Government jobs on the basis of forged SC/ST certificates during the last 4-5 years, State-wise;

(b) the number of such cases under trial as on date;

(c) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation is likely to conduct enquiry into such forgery cases in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### MGNREGS in Coffee Growing Areas

2537. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking steps to encourage deployment of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers in coffee growing areas with provision of skill improvement and by giving access to MGNREGS labour pool in the States including Telangana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

### High Revenue Losses in Automobile Industry

2538. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the high revenue losses being suffered by the Automobile Industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation from All India Automobile Industry Association urging the Government to come to their rescue in the wake of rampant spread of COVID-19 in the country;

(d) if so, the details of the concessions and exemptions sought for their survival; and

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

### Cyber Crimes

†2539. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

SHRI HIBI EDEN:

SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI

VASAVA:

PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of cyber crimes are increasing across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such crimes reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether such incidents of internet fraud involving crores of rupees have been reported across the country;

(d) if so, the number of such cases reported during the said period along with the quantum of amount involved, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop such crimes including measures taken to check cyber crimes; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to ban dating apps in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### Loss of Crops

†2540. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any provision or any concrete policy to make up the loss of crops, vegetables, fruits and milk etc. to the farmers during Corona-virus pandemic and lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Watershed Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2541. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the physical and financial progress of watershed projects sanctioned and completed under the Drought Prone Area Programme in the districts of Andhra Pradesh between 2014 and 2020, year-wise;

(b) the number and location of watershed projects sanctioned and completed in the district of Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh during the same period, block-wise; and

(c) the details of the measurement of outcome of these projects towards resolving drinking water shortage in Chittoor?

### Salinity of Soil

†2542. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted an assessment of salinity of soil recently in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons for such salinity; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the salinity of soil and the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

### Community Centres for Elderly Women

†2543. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of elderly women living alone in the country, State-wise including in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether the Government proposes to build community centres for such women to ensure their mental and physical well-being; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Farmer Producer Organisations

2544. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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 establishment of Farmer Producer

Organisations (FPOs), a plan chalked out by the Ministry in last year's budget presentation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the number of FPOs established so far and the numbers operational;

(c) whether the Government has framed any policy for formulation of FPOs, if so, the details thereof along with the financial allocation made for the same;

(d) whether there is any plan of increasing the budget for this purpose, the details thereof;

(e) the State-wise details of the objectives for the formation of FPOs;

(f) the details of the manner of assistance along with the financial assistance likely to be provided by the Government to the said FPOs; and

(g) whether any persons or landless farmer engaged in farming are eligible to become a member or hold any office in the said FPOs and if so, the details of the rules framed in this regard?

### Waiver of Farm Loans

2545. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of giving agriculture loans to farmers of the country, particularly in the drought-prone areas;

(b) whether the Government is going to waive off the loans of farmers hailing from drought-prone areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Loans under KCC

2546. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loans disbursed under Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during the last three years in the country including Maharashtra along with the number of loans above three lakhs among them, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the maximum limit of loan under KCC scheme in view of increasing expenditure of farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor indicating the maximum limit of loans presently; and

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(d) the total number of farmers covered under the KCC scheme in Maharashtra during the said period along with the number of applications pending at present?

#### Verification of PM-KISAN Scheme Beneficiaries

†2547. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that payment under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme (PM-KISAN) is to be made to farmers after Aadhaar verification or attestation of lands of debt-free farmer account holders by Patwari;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Rajasthan, bank-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the land or Aadhaar record of debt-free beneficiary farmers under PM-KISAN Scheme is linked with banks;

(d) whether the Government has issued directions to banks to deposit insurance premium under Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme by debt-free farmers from their accounts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has issued any direction to banks to deposit money from their accounts?

#### Farm Loans

2548. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that some of the regional parties in several States have promised waiver of farm loans in their manifesto whereas they are now finding it impossible to implement the promise;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have asked the Central Government for the funding of farm loan waiver;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given any directives to the States in this regard for the repayment of old loans, if so, the details thereof?

#### National Agricultural Innovation Project

2549. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the World Bank have been implementing a joint National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) in the country and if so, the details thereof and the objectives of setting up NAIP;

(b) the details of the World Bank assistance utilized till date for achieving the NAIP objectives;

(c) the details of contribution of NAIP for betterment of farmers by providing innovative ideas;

(d) whether any assessment of the NAIP has been carried out and if so, the outcome of the assessment and steps taken by the Government to work NAIP in such a way to help farmers in overcoming their difficulties by imparting new strategies and innovative solutions; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Union Government to facilitate accelerated and sustainable transformation of Indian agriculture in support of poverty alleviation and income generation?

#### Awareness about Consumers Rights

2550. 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 implemented any policy/strategy to educate/make consumers aware about their rights across the country particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought participation of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for effective implementation of the said policy/strategy in rural areas of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response received from PRIs in this regard;

(e) whether the complaints for violation of consumer rights increased in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the action taken/being taken on such complaints so far; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the rights of the consumers particularly rural consumers?

#### Inadequate Post-harvest Infrastructure

2551. 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 is aware of the problem of inadequate post-harvest infrastructure in the States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government of India to improve post-harvest infrastructure in the States?

#### Implementation of RIDF

2552. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:  
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objective of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF);

(b) the details of the programmes being implemented by the Government for development of rural infrastructure in the country;

(c) whether the RIDF was provided with additional funding of Rs. 4,000 crores due to the Coronavirus pandemic;

(d) if so, the details of the RIDF assistance provided for the development of rural infrastructure in the country during the last three years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of rural development works undertaken in Tamil Nadu with the help of RIDF during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise?

#### Strategic Interventions in Market Reforms

2553. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes steps in bringing strategic interventions in market reforms for rapid agricultural development and increasing farmers' income in the light of the problems faced by the farmers due to the COVID-19 situation as well as during the recent natural climatic changes leading to damage of ready crops in certain areas of Maharashtra; and

(b) the details of the measures suggested by the Government for the welfare of farmers?

#### Farmers Family

†2554. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government conducts any survey to find out the number of farmer families in the country;

(b) if so, the details of surveys conducted during the last three years State and region-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any criteria to declare any person as a farmer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Contingency Plan for Flood

2555. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any contingency plan to tackle the flood situation in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has provided compensation, diesel subsidy and other rebates to the farmers of flood-affected States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the allocation made and released by the Union Government to various flood-affected States during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether a Central team has visited Karnataka recently to assess losses caused by heavy rains and floods in the State and if so, the outcome thereof, including the names of the affected districts; and

(e) the financial assistance provided to Karnataka during the last three years from NDRF, year-wise?

#### Assistance for Improving Agricultural Infrastructure

†2556. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided proper assistance to States for improving infrastructure in agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of schemes on the income of farmers since 2014 till date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

2557. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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 Government has started a new fund named Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of

Rs. 1 lakh crore, if so, the details thereof and the State-wise allocation made so far; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government has launched Krishi Megh Yojana, if so, the details thereof along with its area of operation and the benefit to the agriculture sector of the country?

#### **Increase in Potato Prices**

2558. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN  
SINGH:  
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the prices of potatoes has increased significantly in the market recently;

(b) if so, the reasons for the increasing price of potatoes;

(c) whether potato is a common vegetable for each and every citizen, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to check the rising price of potato; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Landslides in Kerala**

2559. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that landslide tragedies are frequently occurring in different parts of Kerala every monsoon;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State for providing central assistance for preparedness and relief activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Scheme under SAGY**

†2560. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any plan to implement any new scheme regarding Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a fund allocation related scheme for adopting five villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Farmers Suicide**

2561. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven States accounted for 87.5% of total suicides in the farming sector in the country;

(b) if so, whether almost 12,602 agri-persons have reported died by suicide upto the year 2015 and the number has unofficially crossed 14,000 in last five years in the country;

(c) whether it is also true that in the year 2016, the country recorded 31 farmer suicides daily and upto July, 2020 only the Marathwada region has witnessed 400 suicides and Amravati division recorded 800 farmers suicide;

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

(e) whether any remedial measures have been adopted by the Government to stop this menace and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Doubling of Farmers and Fisherman's Income by 2022**

2562. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been launched by the Government for doubling of farmers and fisherman's income by 2022, if so, the details of the same;

(b) the current status of the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)';

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to promote fish farming, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government plans to give financial assistance to fish farming, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Modernisation of Police Stations**

†2563. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise each police station and police force in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds likely to be allocated for this purpose, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Special Fund for Transgenders**

2564. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give any special fund for generating livelihood opportunities to the transgender community;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details and the number of transgenders currently working in public services;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to impart skill training to the transgenders and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering to provide reservations to the transgender community in educational institutions and Government jobs; and

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

**PMAY-G in Gujarat**

2565. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Gujarat for declaration of 2077 villages in 12 Districts as difficult areas under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G);

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

(c) whether the budgetary provisions for difficult areas under PMAY-G would also be sanctioned at the earliest so that the Gujarat Government could achieve its current year's target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Conversion Therapy**

2566. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the issue of the conversion therapy, which refers to the use of threats, abuse, and pseudoscience against members of the LGBT community in an attempt to "cure" them of their sexual orientation, a practice that has driven some victims to suicide and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the continued use of this practice in the country despite the fact that it is illegal to treat an adult without their express consent under the Mental Healthcare Act (2017), and that the Supreme Court has condemned the practice in at least two cases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken or intends to take action, using existing or new legislation, to curb this deeply harmful practice by formulating policy on the issue, in conjunction with representative groups; and

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

**Sale of Chemical and Pharma Companies**

2567. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has decided to sell off companies like IDPL, Chennai, Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) and several other Chemicals and Pharma companies;

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

(c) the total assets of each of the companies decided and listed for sale by the Government;

(d) the expected income and benefits to the Government in this regard; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to protect the interests of the workers who lost their job?

**Assistance under Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan**

†2568. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided to farmers through programmes like Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan;

(b) the number of times a year it is organized and the basic facilities provided to farmers;

(c) the number of villages benefitted or those organizing it in a year; and

(d) whether such programmes are being organized by the Government in the State of Haryana?

**Use of Artificial Intelligence and Weather Technology**

†2569. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for conducting Pilot study with regard to use of Artificial Intelligence and weather technology related solutions in agriculture;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers must get appropriate price for their produce;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to make agriculture income-centric; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Minimum Support Price

2570. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:  
SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the crop-wise details of Minimum Support Prices provided by the Government since 2005, year-wise;
- (b) the crop-wise details of quantity of crops procured by the Government since 2005, year-wise;
- (c) the absolute increase (in Rs.) in Minimum Support Prices between 2005 and 2014, crop-wise; and
- (d) the absolute increase (in Rs.) in Minimum Support Prices between 2014 and 2020, crop-wise?

#### Internship Scheme

2571. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an internship scheme has been launched by the Government in Food Processing Industries sector;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of the Scheme thereof; and
- (c) the details of the eligibility criteria to enroll into the aforesaid Internship scheme?

#### Special Agricultural Zone

†2572. SHRI RAJVEER DILER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare the stretches of fertile land available between the Ganga and Yamuna rivers as a special zone for growing medicinal plants and flowers and if so and the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to remove unemployment among the resident young farmers and educated unemployed of these fertile

lands by imparting training to them and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote employment generation in rural areas by encouraging plants, flowers and fruits related produce; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### CCTV Cameras in Prisons

2573. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CCTV cameras have been installed in all the prisons across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether statistics/data has indicated that in the last 20 years, three inmates on an average have been found dead daily in Indian prisons and the death rates inside prisons have risen by 42 per cent;

(c) if so, whether the Government has taken steps to address these grave statistics;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether measures have been adopted to curb the increasing suicide rates among inmates and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the steps taken to ensure the health and safety of inmates; and

(g) whether the data of custodial deaths collated by the National Crime Records Bureau and the National Human Rights Commission differ significantly, if so, the details thereof and the action taken to resolve this problem?

#### UDID Cards for Differently Abled Persons

2574. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started issuing Unique Disability Identity (UDID) Card to each person with disability in the country through uniform web-based programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the objective for which UDID cards have been issued and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of Unique Disability identity Card issued till date, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether only few States have been covered in the first phase of issuing UDID cards;

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(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which other States will also be covered;

(f) whether specific guidelines have been issued relating to persons with disabilities during the lockdown period;

(g) if so, whether these guidelines have been made available in Braille, audio format, sign language or other accessible formats; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Aqua-culture in Punjab under PMMSY Scheme**

2575. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to introduce prawn farming in Punjab, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) Scheme; and

(b) if so, the plan of action the Government proposes to adopt/implement and the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote the development of inland saline water aqua-culture in Punjab, under the PMMSY Scheme, in lieu of its plans to develop the northern region of India as an export hub for fishes;

(d) whether prawn/shrimp will be considered for export from Punjab, under the PMMSY Scheme;

(e) if so, the other species of fish that the Government proposes to export from Punjab, under the PMMSY Scheme; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reach its aim of enhancing India's production of fish to 22 million metric tonnes by 2024-25?

#### **Milk Production**

2576. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions functioning in Dairy Research and Technology and education sector;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase milk production per cattle in the country during the last five years and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any special efforts have been made for marketing of the milk of desi cows in view of its better nutritional value; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Agricultural Start-ups**

2577. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:  
SHRI P.C. GADDIGUDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide funds for start-ups in the agriculture and allied sectors in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress of agriculture start-ups in the country so far;

(c) the extent to which the start-ups in agriculture would promote this sector and uplift the farmers in the country;

(d) the details of funds allocated under the innovation and agri-preneurship component of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana in 2020-21; and

(e) the details of the criteria for allocation of funds for various start-ups?

#### **Constitution of Foreigners Tribunals**

2578. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners tribunals constituted in the country and the number of such tribunals likely to be constituted;

(b) the details of the number of judges appointed as members and the qualifications required for the same;

(c) the criterion for reappointment of members on the expiry of their contract; and

(d) the details of the compensation paid to such members?

#### **NCRB Data on Farmer Suicides**

2579. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
DR. AMAR SINGH:  
DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has stopped enlisting causes for farmer suicides in its latest report published this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the NCRB has seen a decrease in the number of its staff and/or employees during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Price of Branded and Generic Medicines

†2580. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the difference between the prices of branded and generic medicines regardless of the fact that the prices of branded medicines are independently fixed by the pharma companies;

(b) whether there is any pricing mechanism to fix the prices of medicines and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Jan Aushadhi stores opened under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) with a view to provide generic medicines to the patients, State-wise;

(d) whether generic medicines are not available at the stores and the patients are forced to buy branded medicines; and

(e) the details of funds spent on the publicity of PMBJP during the last five years?

#### Performance of Agricultural Sector

2581. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor performance of agricultural sector is pushing the rural population (particularly farmers) into poverty; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the strategy planned by the Government to tackle this?

#### Ranking of ICAR Centres

†2582. 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 by the Government to grant ranking to all the research centres under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) according to the latest guidelines like on the basis of cost, time period, quantum of produce, results obtained, ease of use in the fields; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government/ICAR to motivate agriculture postgraduates for PhD by making customized/applicable amendments

with the help of State Agriculture Universities so that direct positive results could be achieved in agricultural production?

#### Research and Development in Agriculture Sector

†2583. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI  
VASAVA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised its priorities for research and development in agriculture sector for the coming ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the prioritized sector under the said schemes; and

(c) the manner in which the benefits are likely to be extended to the farmers?

#### Domestic Violence

†2584. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases of domestic violence, beatings, molestation and mistreatment of women that have come to the notice of the Government during the last two years in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decrease in these cases as compared to previous years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to enact new and effective laws to prevent these incidents and punish the culprits and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the instructions given by the Union Government to the States where the situation is worse for taking effective action in this regard?

#### Income Limit for Parents of OBCs

†2585. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:

SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed the income limit for the parents of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and other students getting the benefit of scholarship;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any difference between the income limit of the parents of OBC students and other students and

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

#### **Policy on National and Regional Languages**

2586. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy on National and Regional Languages being followed in the country;

(b) whether there is a concerted effort to impose Hindi across the board through distinct efforts by the Government;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the institutions like the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) etc. have been vocal in interacting in Hindi alone including intimidating even Constitutional authorities like Members of Parliament;

(d) whether it has also been brought to the notice of the Government that many of the Central Government establishments interact deliberately only in Hindi to those belonging to Non Hindi speaking States including giving of replies to Members of Parliament; and

(e) if so, the measures being taken on the constitutional rights to continue communication in English for the Non Hindi speaking areas?

#### **Single Identity System**

2587. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the idea of PAN India single identity of individuals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the current norms of State-wise domicile norms are conflicting with the idea of a single Indian identity, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pending Payments under PM-KISAN Scheme**

2588. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

DR. AMAR SINGH:

SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any payments to farmers are pending under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government intends to provide additional income support to farmers and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ranking in Global Hunger Index**

2589. 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 details of the country's ranking in the Global Hunger Index report during the last three years;

(b) whether a substantial proportion of the country's population continue to suffer from lack of food according to the said report;

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

(d) the measures taken to look into all the aspects of the problem; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve its ranking in the Global Hunger Index?

#### **Promotion of High Value Crops**

2590. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for promotion of high value crops, medicinal plants, climate resistant crops, Floriculture and Horticulture crops; and

(b) the details of the special efforts being made by the Government for increasing the export potential of these plants?

#### **Schemes for Cotton Farmers**

2591. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:  
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes introduced by the Government for the benefit of cotton farmers of Odisha including funds allocated for the same over the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to enhance cotton procurement in various districts of Odisha;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including details of Nuapada and Balangir;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Ministry of Agriculture has any plans to upgrade the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP) Sub-Centre to a full-fledged AICCIP Center at Bhawanipatna, Odisha?

#### **Agricultural Welfare Scheme**

‡2592. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the help provided by the Government to the farmers through its programmes like Agriculture Welfare Scheme run from time to time for the help of the farmers;

(b) the number of times in a year when this programme is organised and the basic facilities provided to the farmers therein;

(c) the number of villages where such programmes are organised in a year;

(d) whether this work plan has been successful to achieve its target under agricultural education during 2017-2020;

(e) the names of the areas wherein farmers are being taught thereunder; and

(f) the number of farmers being benefited under it throughout the country along with the details thereof and the extent to which this has been beneficial to the farmers?

#### **Employment Guarantee Scheme**

‡2593. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount released to Kabirdham and Rajanandagaon districts in Chattisgarh under the Employment Guarantee Scheme, out of the total funds released by either the Central or the State Government, separately;

(b) whether it is necessary to make annual action plan to spend the funds and spend them in accordance with the said plan;

(c) if so, the list of only those works in Rajnandagaon and Kabirdham districts which is not covered in the action plan;

(d) whether the action of part 'a' is in violation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act; and

(e) if so, the persons guilty of violation and the action being taken against them?

#### **Model Villages under SAGY in Rajasthan**

‡2594. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate stipulated budget to develop model villages under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in Rajasthan so as to obviate any funding constraints therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties being faced in developing SAGY model village in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, whether the officers have been given directions to work in a time bound manner to obviate those difficulties and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has issued directions to the officers to develop the said villages in Rajasthan within the stipulated time limit and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has any scheme to appoint nodal officer to develop SAGY model village in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Positive Growth in Farming Sector**

2595. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agriculture and farming sector is the only sector that recorded positive growth in Indian economy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to sustain positive growth in the sector by means of special package or support to farmers;

(c) whether the Government has received any recommendation in this regard from the State Government of Kerala; and

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

#### **Agriculture Market Reforms and Agriculture Infrastructure Fund**

2596. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented agriculture market reforms and Agriculture Infrastructure Fund in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof and the manner in which the fund is going to reach the farmers in the country;

(c) whether the Government has made consultations before finalization of reforms and fund;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Agri Infrastructure Fund will reach the small farmers in time?

#### **Pashu Aadhaar**

2597. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started enrolling livestock in Karnataka and elsewhere under "Pashu Aadhaar" for traceability of animal health and milk produced and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of States currently implementing the same and the number of Aadhars issued, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is promoting the practice of Artificial Insemination (AI) and sex-sorted semen so that more and more high-milk-yielding female calves are born and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has had any success in drawing investments from the private sector towards establishing dairy, meat processing and value addition infrastructure under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cage Fishing Farming**

2598. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:  
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is extending financial and technical support in promoting/starting and implementing cage fishing farming across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government has reviewed environmental and geographical aspects of the region where it proposes implementing cage fishing farming; and

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

#### **Turnover of Poultry Industry**

†2599. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total turnover of the poultry industry in the country at present;

(b) whether poultry industry is likely to double the income of farmers by the year 2022;

(c) whether it is in the cognizance of the Government that the business of poultry farmers, fishermen is running at a huge loss due to the price of chicken feed being expensive and the corona virus;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the upliftment of these farmers;

(e) whether the Government has released or proposes to release any central assistance to provide them relief and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to waive the loans of these poultry farmers and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Educational Institutes for Differently Aabled**

2600. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:  
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Government educational institutes for physically handicapped and blind people in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to open such National Educational Institutes in each district in the country to provide education to the Divyangs at their nearest place; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Soil Testing Work**

2601. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether soil testing work is being conducted in the country, especially in Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand;

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

(c) the number of people who have been benefited by this soil testing during the last three years and the current year?

#### **Hybrid Seeds**

†2602. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether hybrid seeds of each crop are coming to the market everyday which has increased production but poses many dangers since the seeds cannot be used again, diseases in crops and need of harmful pesticides which adversely affects human health;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such instances;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a seed bank at every district centres as well as Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) for the conservation of native seeds and to promote the use of native seeds;

(d) if so, the details thereof especially for the State of Maharashtra and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the scheme of the Government for the conservation of native seeds; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to provide funds at the panchayat level and if so, the details thereof?

#### Vision 2050 for Agriculture

2603. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has prepared a 'Vision-2050' document to chalk out a demand-driven research agenda for development of agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features of the said document;

(c) the details of the crops for which such technique/research are being used along with the details of the production increased as a result thereof;

(d) whether the States are being provided with necessary technical and financial support for creation of agriculture infrastructure for optimal use of water and other natural resources and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of successful experiments conducted by the research institutions reaches the farmers at the grassroot level?

#### Review of Population Policy

†2604. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the existing population policy in view of the religion related data of census 2011 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal to create a national register of Indian citizens to prevent intruders from taking Indian citizenship as well as purchasing of land in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Welfare of OBCs and SCs in Karnataka

2605. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and salient features of schemes being implemented by the Government for the welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Scheduled Castes (SCs) in Karnataka;

(b) the financial assistance given to the State during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the targets achieved?

#### Cases against Pharma Companies

2606. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:  
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases, at present, against pharma companies initiated by the National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) for over-charging of patients on essential medicines and the number of pending cases along with the amount involved therein;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps for early disposal of such pending cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the timeframe fixed for disposal of such pending cases?

#### Livestock Population

†2607. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes and programmes launched by the Government to majorly increase the livestock population in the country with a view to

improve the economic condition of dairy farmers and to increase Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;

(b) the details thereof, scheme-wise and programme-wise;

(c) whether a large scale emphasis is being laid upon the export of dairy products; and

(d) if so, the export related schemes of these products along with the manner in which these schemes are likely to benefit the common people effectively?

#### **Silos of Stored Food Grains**

2608. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

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 silos to store food grains in the country, location and State-wise;

(b) the number of silos that have been taken on rent or contracted by Government or Food Corporation of India or any other agencies;

(c) the list of these silos along with the names of the entities which own them; and

(d) the total capacity of each silo?

#### **Sub-categories in Reservation of SCs**

2609. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce sub-categories in reservation of Scheduled Castes (SCs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that as reported in the Media, many States have expressed their reservations on the issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### **Barrier-free Inter-State Trading**

†2610. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to enact a Central law to push for barrier-free inter-State trade allowing farmers to sell their produce in any State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **PMS for SCs in Punjab**

2611. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay by the Union Government in the release of funds to the State Government of Punjab under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes (SCs);

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

(c) the details of the reasons for this delay in release of funds which is adversely affecting the Scheduled Caste students to be benefitted under the Scheme;

(d) whether the Government proposes to release the funds to the State Government of Punjab in the near future; and

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

#### **Funds for Fisheries in Kerala**

2612. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and utilized for fisheries in Kerala under “Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries” Scheme during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the facilities provided to fishermen under various fisheries schemes; and

(c) the details of the developments which took place in Kerala in employment generation and fish production during the last three years and the current year?

#### **Incentives for Dairy Sector**

2613. SHRI ANNASAHAB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any incentive for the dairy sector in particular for expansion of the small plants run by Cooperatives or women Self Help Group (SHG); and

(b) whether convergence has been envisaged for the rural sector where all schemes related to Livestock and allied services are effectively used?

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

2614. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the inability of fishing vessels to operate due to imposition of lockdown and restrictions on movement impact on the value chains in terms of supply of products of fishing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the problems in logistics associated with restriction in transportation, border closures and the reduced demand in restaurants and hotels can generate significant market changes thereby affecting prices of fish products;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to rescue the fishermen community from the vulnerability caused by COVID-19 pandemic; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds Provided by PSUs in Bihar**

†2615. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds provided so far to Gaya district in Bihar after it was declared as an aspirational district;

(b) the names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which have donated the funds;

(c) whether these PSUs have spent funds in aspirational districts in Bihar including Gaya; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Regulations for Hazardous Chemicals**

2616. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is going to frame new regulations for chemicals/hazardous chemicals after the recent Vishakapatnam polymer factory accident;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of consultations held with stakeholders for the same; and

(d) the details of the precautionary measures taken by the Government for the pre-use registration and inventory management of hazardous chemicals and the extent of success achieved through these measures during the last five years?

#### **Kisan Credit Guarantee Scheme**

†2617. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of agricultural entrepreneurs who have been provided the benefit of Kisan Credit Guarantee Scheme in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details and the nature of the agricultural enterprises set up by these entrepreneurs along with the names of these enterprises;

(c) whether all these agricultural entrepreneurs belong to Uttar Pradesh or they have come from other States alongwith details in this regard; and

(d) the details of the schemes formulated by the Government to attract such external agricultural entrepreneurs to the State?

#### **Police Excesses against Migrant Workers**

2618. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH

NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the instances of excessive use of force by the police (including the Delhi Police) against migrant workers who undertook journeys on foot to return home during the lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to discourage the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rural Roads in Puducherry**

2619. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the need for development of roads in the rural areas of the Union Territory of Puducherry under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the next five years to generate more jobs and improve rural connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government proposes to upgrade the rural road connectivity in the Union Territory of Puducherry?

#### **Kisan Credit Card**

2620. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to provide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to 1.5 crore dairy farmers



belonging to milk unions and milk producing Companies within the months of 1st June, 2020 to 31st July, 2020 under a special drive;

(b) if so, the details of the number of dairy farmers that have been given these credit cards, State-wise;

(c) the details of the amount of loan availed by the dairy farmers who have been given these cards under the above mentioned special drive, State-wise;

(d) the size of land holding of the farmers to whom these Cards have been distributed under the above mentioned special drive; and

(e) the number of agriculture credit agencies available in districts in which these Cards of more than 50 have been distributed under the above mentioned special drive?

#### **PM-KISAN Instalments in Karnataka**

2621. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has released till date all instalments under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme to the eligible beneficiaries of the State of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the number of beneficiaries under this scheme, district-wise; and

(c) if not, the time by which the instalments are to be credited to the beneficiaries and the action taken thereon?

#### **Delhi Riots**

2622. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details including names of the persons arrested and questioned for the Delhi riots during the period from February to August, 2020;

(b) whether the Delhi Police has also made investigation regarding the hate speech by certain people in Delhi and its role in triggering the said riots in February this year; and

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

#### **Package for Loss incurred by PSUs due to COVID-19**

†2623. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any provision to provide package to compensate the loss incurred by the industries of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) due to COVID-19;

(b) if so, the names of PSUs in the country which are likely to be given the said package; and

(c) whether the employees/officers working in such PSUs are not getting their salary due to the poor financial condition of these PSUs and if so, the details thereof?

#### **FCI Godowns in Maharashtra**

2624. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns in the State of Maharashtra at present;

(b) whether the godowns are of sufficient capacity to store the agriculture produces;

(c) whether the Government has hired private godowns to store wheat, rice, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the rent being paid by FCI per month for hiring of these godowns; and

(e) the steps taken to construct more FCI godowns in Maharashtra?

#### **NRC for the whole Country**

2625. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the plan to have a countrywide National Register of Citizens (NRC);

(b) the States which will be taken up first;

(c) the status of people in Assam who have been left out of the NRC;

(d) the details of the estimated funds for conducting NPR and NRC within the country and the manner in which the Government will manage such big amount despite economic slowdown in the country;

(e) whether the Government has received any proposal from some of the States to put the works relating to NPR and NRC on hold due to the economic slowdown and coronavirus within the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the Government's stand thereon?

#### **Storage Facilities for Fish Farmers**

2626. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has made some arrangements for the fish farmers for storing their fish in Bihar including district Gopalganj;

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

(c) the details about the plans for setting up of special cold storages to store all varieties of fish to be sold in all seasons in Bihar including district Gopalganj; and

(d) the time frame to complete the setting up of these special cold storages for storing fish in Bihar including district Gopalganj?

**Transparency in Panchayat and Local Bodies**

†2627. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any concrete measures to bring more transparency in the works executed by each Panchayat and local body and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has asked the Panchayats and local bodies to launch their website and upload their work thereon;

(c) if not, whether it is appropriate;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Modalities of Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance**

2628. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has apprised the modalities of the recently promulgated Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to secure payment to farmers if they sell their produce outside the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) regime;

(c) whether the Government has provided any supply chain facilities to ease transport of goods from farmer to sellers *i.e.* rural hinterland to urban towns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry in West Bengal**

2629. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made some special provisions for promoting fisheries and animal husbandry for the State of West Bengal specifically Coochbehar, Odisha and some other States having immense potential to harness fish and poultry production as a viable and alternate source of income and employment generation and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any financial assistance is being offered by the Government to provide opportunities to the poor and underprivileged and if so, the details thereof?

**Pending FDI Proposals**

2630. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 proposals involving foreign direct investment in the country are pending with the Government for security clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that many proposals have been withdrawn due to delay in clearance since April, 2020; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Shelter for Cattle**

2631. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an arrangement has been made by the Government to give shelter or protect cattle such as cows, ox, etc. that roam freely on the roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government has any plan to create shelter homes for the cattle without homes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Automated Facial Recognition Technology**

2632. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is building the Automated Facial Recognition System (AFRS) to assist the State and Central investigative agencies in finding criminals and enhance the connection between different law enforcement bodies;

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(b) if so, the details thereof including the timeline by which AFRS will be used in the country;

(c) the names of Central Government agencies currently using or implementing Facial Recognition Technology;

(d) whether there is substantial positive impact of the use of Facial Recognition Technology in preventing or reducing crime, finding criminals or in crime investigation, finding missing children or in prevention or mitigation of trafficking of women and children;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any agencies of the Government has implemented a system of integrating Aadhaar with Facial Recognition Technology; and

(g) if so, whether such an integrated system has also made use of CCTV cameras or the footage recorded through CCTVs anywhere in the country?

#### Promotion of Sanskrit Language

2633. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people speaking Sanskrit language in the country, State-wise, particularly in southern India;

(b) the total number of colleges in various States where sanskrit language is one of the subject in the college, State-wise; and

(c) the various steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to develop Sanskrit language in the country along with the amount sanctioned, released and utilised by the Government to develop Sanskrit language during the last three years?

#### Landless and Homeless Labourers in Rural Areas

†2634. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of landless and homeless labourers in the country, particularly in the backward rural areas of Maharashtra;

(b) the programmes being implemented to alleviate their plights, State-wise and particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for these programmes during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) Whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review these programmes in order to evaluate the assistance given to alleviate the plights of these labourers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Promotion of Hindi

2635. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has observed Hindi Day recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilized for development and promotion of Hindi by the Department of Official Language during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has issued any instructions for promotion and development of Hindi in Central Government Ministries/Departments including banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made during the said period;

(e) the details of awards/incentives being provided to employees who perform their official work in Hindi; and

(f) the extent to which Hindi language is promoted through organizing Hindi Pakhwara?

#### Resurgence of Babbar Khalsa Militancy

2636. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banned outfit Babbar Khalsa International militants are again active in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the number of militants of banned outfits including Babbar Khalsa arrested/killed in the last two years, State and UT-wise; and

(d) the quantum of illegal arms and ammunitions recovered from the militants in the country during the said period, State-wise and UT-wise?

#### Supply of Artificial Limbs by ALIMCO

2637. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) manufacture and supply artificial limbs and if so, whether the Government has achieved the objective for which ALIMCO was set up;

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(b) whether the Corporation implements any scheme to give assistance to disabled persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances free of cost and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the demand and supply of supporting equipments for handicapped persons during the last three years;

(d) the details and the number of camps organised by the Government throughout the country during the said period; and

(e) the details of camps to be organised and the number of beneficiaries whose assessment has been done?

#### Funds to PMGSY

2638. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated, released and utilised under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in each of the years since 2014, State-wise;

(b) the planned/allocated and completed length of surfaced roads since 2014, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the allocated and completed length of surfaced roads in the State of Telangana during the said period, Gram Panchayat-wise?

#### Raising Farmers' Income

†2639. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made by the Government to raise the income of the farmers in the country, particularly in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) whether the income of the farmers who earlier cultivated traditional crops like rice, wheat etc. has gone up after they switched over to cash crops;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken special measures to promote cultivation of saffron in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Proposal for New Food Processing Industries

†2640. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Food Processing Industries in Rajasthan under the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to identify locations rich in availability of raw materials for setting up of such industries and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Dairy Processing

2641. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allotment and utilization of Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund, for the past three years towards strengthening of infrastructure of milk cooperatives with concessional loan assistance from NABARD, State-wise;

(b) the status of implementation of the centrally sponsored scheme "Rashtriya Gokul Mission" for conserving and developing indigenous breeds, State-wise; and

(c) the status of implementation of National Action Plan for Egg and Poultry-2022, State-wise?

#### ICAR Institutes

2642. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutions in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is true that there are as many as 65 research institutions which do not have regular Directors and there are many vacancies in these institutions;

(c) if so, the impact of the same on agricultural research; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Ministry to address this huge vacancy and the time by which Directors and other posts are going to be filled in a time-bound manner?

#### Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

†2643. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to increase the Milk Processing capacity and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the work being done to increase the fish production in the coming years under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana;

(c) whether work is being done on any scheme to maintain dairy supply chain in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions during the lockdown and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any policy to check the sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources and if so, the details thereof?

#### Sealing of Indo-Bangladesh Border

2644. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision/started the process for complete sealing of Indo-Bangladesh border through construction walls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated/released for construction of walls at the said border;

(d) whether works has been allotted to any company and if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the Government has received this demand from the people of Assam/political parties/organization; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Pre and Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

2645. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government owe more than Rs. 3000 crore to the States towards Pre and Post Matric Scholarship scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated and released under Pre Matric and Post Matric Scholarship Scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

#### Decrease in Cow Milk Production

†2646. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cow milk has been decreasing every year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Tomato Processing Unit

†2647. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to set up Tomato Processing unit in Ludeg Area of Jashpur District of Chhattisgarh, which is famous as the capital of tomato;

(b) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to procure tomato at appropriate price from farmers;

(c) if so, the names and the location thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not making any effort in this direction despite heavy production of tomato in the aforesaid area?

#### RURBAN Mission Cluster

2648. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rampachodavaram in East Godavari district has been identified as one of the clusters under RURBAN Mission;

(b) if so, whether DPR has been prepared and approved; and

(c) if so, the details of physical targets set and achieved in the above cluster?

#### Incentives for Horticulture

2649. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking steps to develop horticulture by providing incentives to farmers;

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

(c) the level of involvement of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the same including recommendations made by ICAR, if any?

#### Rural Poverty Rate

2650. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present Rural Poverty Rate in the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it has increased over the past few years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that as per a report, 30 million people fell below India's official poverty line and joined the ranks of the poor over the past six years;

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

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

### **Rural Roads**

†2651. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ensure effective and strict monitoring of the construction of rural roads across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also proposing to examine the global standard in technology used in the construction of roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

2652. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken measures to create awareness among general public on the problems caused due to drug abuse and illicit trafficking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to focus on social injustice across the country, and to bring out improvements and solutions; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to close the gap in inequalities and to achieve Social Justice by removing all the barriers based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability within a time period?

### **Effect of COVID-19 Restrictions on Agriculture**

2653. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that lockdown and COVID-19 restrictions are threatening the agriculture sector as it overlaps with harvesting;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the lockdown and COVID-19 restrictions has derailed preparation for harvesting;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(e) whether the Government has initiated action to overcome the situation due to lack of agriculture labour and the restrictions on transportation of produce and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to announce fresh packages for farmers considering their loss and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government proposes to address the grievances of the farmers regarding their huge loss due to the lockdown and COVID-19 restrictions and if so, the details thereof?

### **White Revolution**

†2654. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new provision and change in the form of Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) scheme have been introduced to further encourage and develop White Revolution and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) the number of persons or animal rearers or milk producers benefited through the same;

(c) the manner in which it is helpful in modernisation; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries of the said scheme?

### **Increase in Old Age and Widow Pension**

2655. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to increase the monthly pension amount given under Old Age Pension and Widow Pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the Government's share, the proposed increase in the amount of pension and the time by which this would be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Data on Prisons**

2656. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the latest 2019 data on prisons released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows that dalits, tribals and muslims continue to be jailed in numbers disproportionate to their share in the total population;

(b) if so, the details of the percentage of total convicts and undertrials belonging to SC/ST and muslims as per this data;

(c) whether it is a fact that the imbalance in the prisons is because of structural condition in both society and the State force a certain life on them and not because dalits, muslims or tribals in the country violate the law more than others; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to change this discriminatory structure including providing urgent legal help to them?

**New KVKs**

†2657. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

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) the number of new Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) opened throughout the country during the last five years, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether these new Krishi Vigyan Kendras have started functioning;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the names of those institutions which are operating these Krishi Vigyan Kendras; and

(c) the reasons for non-functioning of some of the new Krishi Vigyan Kendras including the details thereof?

**Revival of Loss Making PSEs**

2658. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any restructuring steps to revive the loss making Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether sick PSEs have been merged together to improve their performance and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there exist any pre-investment surveys that are to be conducted before establishing/setting up of the PSEs and if so, the details thereof?

**Roads for Farmers in Maharashtra**

†2659. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds for the construction of roads to facilitate the farmers of district Amaravati of Maharashtra in reaching their fields;

(b) if so, the time by which the matter is likely to be decided by the Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government will direct the Maharashtra Government to take a decision for the welfare of the farmers?

**Subsidised Loan to Fishermen**

†2660. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered to impart training and give subsidised loan to fishermen for pisciculture;

(b) if so, the criteria prescribed in this regard along with the norms laid by the Government for fishery production in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the names of the States in the country where suitable resources for pisciculture are available and the details thereof?

**Misconduct by Police**

2661. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY

NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the many reports and videos of police misconduct and excessive use of force during the violence in Delhi in February 2020 and while enforcing the lockdown;

(b) the details and number of cases filed in this regard;

(c) the details of the action taken in these cases and the status of investigation;

(d) the steps taken to discourage excessive use of force by the police; and

(e) the number of injuries and deaths caused by police brutality and misconduct in 2020, State-wise?

**Revival of Cash Crops**

2662. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of initiatives, innovations and investments made to revive cash crops like Orange, Cardamom and Ginger whose yield has declined substantially in the

past decade, specifically in Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars and Sikkim;

(b) the details of pollinators for Cardamom and Ginger and initiatives taken to protect these pollinators;

(c) whether the Ministry will take cognizance of the fact that in terms of crop insurance, the terms set for crop insurance for the plains is not relevant or contextual in the mountain environment; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry will consider developing separate norms and guidelines for crop insurance for the mountain regions?

#### **Works of Pundit Iyothee Thass**

2663. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start a scheme to publish the works of Pundit Iyothee Thass - a 20th century Tamil social reformer and Buddhist, in English and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government would institute an Award in the name of Pundit Iyothee Thass to honour Buddhist thinkers in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lending Facility to Farmers**

2664. 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 has taken any steps to increase lending facility to farmers in view of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the agricultural loans made available to farmers in Kerala during the financial year 2020-21 (up to 31st August 2020)?

#### **Criteria for Krishi Vigyan Kendras**

2665. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK);

(b) whether the Government is planning to open more KVKs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Death, Injury and Arrests after Abrogation of Article 370**

2666. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have died/been injured and put under house arrest after the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, district-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government for the betterment of the Kashmiris and Kashmir?

#### **Extension of Kisan Credit Card Scheme**

2667. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has extended the benefit of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme to farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry and Fisheries;

(b) if so, the details of the number of farmers including fishermen and poultry farmers, who are engaged in Animal Husbandry and Fisheries and have been provided Kisan Credit Card, State-wise;

(c) the details of the amount of credit extended to such farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry and Fisheries till date, State-wise;

(d) whether any special drive has been undertaken/proposed to be undertaken to provide credit to KCC-holders, if so, details of the outcome, State-wise; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to increase the credit limit and, if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Farmers under Kisan Credit Card Scheme**

2668. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers given Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) in Bihar particularly in Kishanganj Parliamentary Constituency; and

(b) the quantum of loan amount disbursed to farmers in Bihar particularly in Kishanganj Parliamentary Constituency during the last two financial years and the current year?

#### **Direct Cash Transfer Scheme**

2669. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned or finalised the Direct Cash Transfer scheme for fertilizer subsidy to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the mechanism for identifying farmers for direct benefit/cash transfer;



(d) the number of farmers and farming households in the country;

(e) the number of farmers who have an active Kisan Credit Card;

(f) whether some farmers have received Direct Benefit /Direct Cash Transfer for fertilizers till date since 2018; and

(g) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount and the State-wise distribution thereof?

#### **Welfare of Milk Farmers**

†2670. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme/package is being implemented by the Government for the welfare of milk farmers of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of allocated and released amount by the Government for various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise including the State of Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether any proposal has been sent to the Government by the State Government of Chhattisgarh regarding welfare of the dairy farmers during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Coverage under PDS**

2671. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people covered under Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country;

(b) whether due to this pandemic situation large number of people outside the PDS net also need food security;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action Government is going to take to provide food security to all such people in the country;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to universalise the PDS to provide food grain to whoever needs them;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that the National Food Security Act (NFSA) is supposed to cover 67% of India's population through the Public Distribution System and if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that 108 million people are excluded from the PDS; and

(h) if so, the reasons thereof?

#### **Crop Loss due to Insufficient Rain**

2672. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment on crop losses due to the failure of monsoon in the country and the steps taken by the Government in anticipation of reported prediction of lesser rainfall;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has estimated the number of districts that have been affected due to lack of sufficient rainfall;

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

(e) whether the Government intends to release any financial package to help the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds to be allocated?

#### **Medical Device Park**

2673. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Medical Device Park in the country;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated and spent in these projects thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding the mechanism and concerned nodal officials, State-wise?

#### **Amendment of Foreigners (Tribunal) Order**

2674. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has amended the Foreigners (Tribunal) Order by setting up a time frame of 120 days in Assam relating to NRC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the activities came to a standstill due to lockdown and the time limit has been extended;

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

(e) the total population covered under the existing scheme to check their names in the NRC and relaxation given or likely to be given to those people whose name do not appear in the Register;

(f) whether people in Assam are facing hardships in checking their names in the NRC within the time set by the Union Government;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(g) if so, whether the Government proposes to extend the deadline to facilitate citizens in checking their names in the NRC keeping in view the hardships being faced by people in Assam; and

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

#### **Scholarship to SC Students in KBK Scheme**

2675. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for cutting the funding for Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) Scheme providing scholarship to Scheduled Castes (SCs) in Odisha;

(b) whether there is any scheme to provide scholarship to SC students in Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput region in place of KBK scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Private Insurance Companies in PMFBY**

†2676. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have engaged insurance companies to implement Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the insurance companies;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint against insurance companies who have failed to make payment in Uttar Pradesh and other States of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Training of Elected Representatives (ERs)**

2677. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives being taken to educate Elected Representatives(ERs) within Panchayati Raj institutions in formulation, progress and monitoring of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP);

(b) the number of training institutes engaged in training ERs on Panchayati Raj, State-wise and especially district-wise for Rajasthan;

(c) the details of the number of training sessions that have been carried out at training institutes in each State, the number of ERs, and separately women ERs, who have attended such training sessions, State-wise;

(d) whether the method by which the sessions are monitored is standardized in the country, if so, the details of the method by which training sessions are monitored for effectiveness; and

(e) the number of visits organised for ERs to model Gram Panchayats, percentage of female ERs that have attended visits in each State during the last five years?

#### **Schemes for Handicapped Persons**

†2678. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated number of handicapped persons in the country, particularly in backward and rural areas;

(b) the total number of visually handicapped persons in each State;

(c) the details of the major schemes of the Government for the benefit of these persons, State and Scheme-wise;

(d) the details of these schemes implemented during each of the last three years and till date State-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) the details of the funds allocated during the said period, State and year-wise; and

(f) the details of the persons benefited by these schemes in the country, State and year-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

#### **Reservation in Education and Jobs for SBS**

2679. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for review of reservation in education and jobs for Socially Backward Sections (SBS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has held any consultation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Schemes to Double Farmers' Income**

†2680. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes implemented to double the income of the farmers by the year 2022;

(b) the funds allocated under the Scheme along with details thereof, State-wise including Bihar;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend minimum crop procurement policy to double the income of the farmers;

(d) if not, the way the income of farmers is to be doubled with details thereof; and

(e) the details of the amount provided as subsidy by the Government since 2018, State-wise, including Bihar?

#### SMAM Scheme

2681. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India have been witnessing influx of agriculture machinery from foreign countries including China;

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

(c) whether as per Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) guidelines, there is no mechanism to restrict participation of imported machinery, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether many Government departments have already imposed conditions of local value addition as eligibility criteria for subsidy, whereas there are no such conditions in SMAM scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government would consider in brining local value addition criteria, so that investment in this sector can be encouraged and domestics manufacturers can be provided level playing field in spirit of Vocals for Locals; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of domestic production of agriculture machinery to become Atmanirbhar?

#### Perspective Planning under MGNREGS

2682. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any perspective planning of gram panchayats on the basis of landscape, watershed or aquifer based planning under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure green results through MGNREGS programmes; and

(d) whether the forest land will be treated in convergence with the joint forest management and the Green India Mission and if so, the details thereof?

#### Mechanization in Agriculture

†2683. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of mechanization in agriculture in the country;

(b) the percentage of mechanization in agriculture in Uttar Pradesh in comparison to national average;

(c) whether any contract is under consideration with companies for promoting the use of mechanization in agriculture;

(d) the details of steps taken to increase partnership of agriculture and allied sectors in development process;

(e) the details of the efforts made to increase the percentage of partnership of Indian Agriculture Industries in global agriculture trade; and

(f) the percentage of partnership of other Asian countries *i.e.*, Nepal, Bangladesh?

#### Storage for Fruit and Vegetable Produce

2684. SHRI A. NARAYANA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any action to provide storage/cold storage facilities for vegetable/fruit produce and thereby offer better value to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of farmers benefited by such facilities?

#### Indigenous Production of Chemicals

†2685. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously considering to increase the indigenous production of chemicals;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Use of Official Language Hindi

†2686. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Hindi has been recognized as the Official language in the Constitution;

(b) if so, whether English is mostly used in works done under the Union Government;

(c) whether any corrective steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

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

#### **Chinnor Rice**

2687. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to identify and develop 'Chinnor Rice' varieties in the country especially in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has received a proposal to develop 'Chinnor Rice' variety by Rice Research Institutes of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rehabilitation of PwDs**

2688. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued unique ID Cards to persons with disabilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with its features thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also taken steps to provide tricycles/motorized tricycles, wheel chairs, crutches, walking sticks, etc., to the differently abled people across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly for the State of Karnataka; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of rehabilitation facilities to the beneficiaries in the country?

#### **Consumer Protection Act, 2019**

2689. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) intended to cover "services" taken for commercial purpose by a person, for his livelihood by means of self-

employment, within the purview of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019;

(b) if so, the reasons due to which it was excluded from the domain of new Act of 2019 and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is an error in drafting of Act of 2019 by DoCA whereby it failed to add "services" in the "Explanation" to Section 2(7) of Act of 2019, so as to exclude it from the rigors of "commercial purpose" provided U/s 2(7)(ii) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019;

(d) if so, whether DoCA would bring an amendment in the Act to correct mistake in order to give relief to poor consumers from victimization and by when the above said amendment in the act is likely to come; and

(e) the number of representations that have been received by DoCA and the details thereof?

#### **Operation Greens Programme**

2690. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Operations Greens Programme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this programme across the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(c) the number and details of crops included under this programme initially;

(d) the details of the target set and achievements made under this programme so far;

(e) whether the Government has also included creation of farm gate infrastructure, agro-logistics and storage capacity under this programme; and

(f) if so, the details and present status thereof?

#### **Lack of Human Resources in PRIs**

2691. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the country lack human resources for implementing developmental programmes in their respective villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such lack of human resources; and

(c) the details of steps/measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

### Discrepancies in PM-KISAN Payments

†2692. SHRI JOHN BARLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana in various States have not got their first instalment due to discrepancies in bank statements;

(b) if so, the details of such beneficiaries;

(c) whether such people are likely to get their first instalment after the resolution of these discrepancies by the banks; and

(d) the State-wise details of beneficiaries who have got their first instalment after removal of discrepancies by the banks?

### Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

2693. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States that have not yet framed rules under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPD) Act, 2016;

(b) the reasons for the delays in framing rules by such States;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure compliance of the provisions of the RPD Act by all States and UTs;

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

(e) the details of the States that have set up special courts mandated under the RPD Act, 2016?

### Compulsory Purchase of Bio-Fertilizers

2694. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:  
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 Government is planning to make a purchase of bio-fertiliser compulsory for every bag of urea with a view to bring down the use of urea and promote the use of organic fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the farmers will be given subsidy on bio-fertilizers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase the awareness of the advantages of bio-fertilizers among the farmers and the details thereof?

### Grants allocated to Chhattisgarh

†2695. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants allocated to State Government of Chhattisgarh under the 14th Finance Commission during the last three years from 2018 to 2021 and the expenditure incurred against it, year-wise and Panchayat-wise;

(b) the utilisation of funds mentioned in part 'a', the criteria of expenditure and the prescribed authority to incur this expenditure;

(c) whether the amount of the head specified in part 'a' was utilised for prevention of Covid-19 pandemic;

(d) if so, the expenditure incurred up to 10th September, 2020; and

(e) whether the funds of head specified in part 'a' are being utilised as per the guidelines of the Government, if not, the action taken thereon in this regard?

### Rights of Transgender Persons

2696. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for a transgender person to be certified by Chief Medical Officer/District Magistrate for correctness of their gender violating the right to self-determine one's gender to everyone, without the need to subject oneself to such scrutiny (NALSA vs Union of India);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons due to which the quantum of punishment is much shorter for assault of trans persons than what is currently for cis-women under our laws;

(d) whether the Government envisages to protect the rights of transgender persons against the Act to affirm the inseparability of freedom from equality, justice from self-determination and democracy from the annihilation of caste, gender and ability; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Average Annual Income of Farmers

2697. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:  
SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

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 to ascertain the average annual income of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof including current average monthly farmer income and average monthly expenditure, State-wise;

(c) whether annual growth rate of the income of farmers in the country has marginally increased, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has put in place any annual surveys to measure farm and farmer incomes; and

(e) if so, the details therefor and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to double farmer incomes without measuring farm and farmer incomes?

#### **MGNREGS Funds for Lakshadweep**

2698. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds released by the Government to the Union Territory of Lakshadweep under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) the total eligible number of beneficiaries as per the sanctioned amount; and

(c) the utilisation percentage thereof?

#### **Better Price Realization**

2699. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revisit the existing laws governing the markets for better price realization and freedom of choice to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to make strategic interventions in the existing marketing ecosystem and bring appropriate reforms in the context of rapid agricultural development?

#### **Funds provided to Jharkhand**

†2700. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds provided to the State Government of Jharkhand for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries during the last three years;

(b) whether the funds provided to State Government of Jharkhand are not being fully utilized; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Construction of ICP in Dakshin Dinajpur**

2701. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are plans to construct an Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Hili Border in Dakshin Dinajpur District;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any deadline has been proposed for completion of this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of goods transported through Hili border during the last five Years?

#### **Losses in Food Processing Industries**

2702. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that shortages of labour has caused disruption in production and processing of food products, notably for labour-intensive industries such as high-value crops, meat and fish;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any estimation of losses incurred in food processing sector, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal for revival of the food processing sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Arrests under NSA**

2703. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases registered under the National Security Act (NSA) in the country during the last three years, State wise;

(b) whether the Government agencies are using NSA to opponents by State Governments irrespective of their political ideology;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the cases registered and arrests made under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in the country during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Vacancies in CAPFs**

2704. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a total of 1,03,367 vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) as on 31.12.2019;

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

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time frame to fill up these vacancies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that people from all parts of the country get into these forces through recruitment drives?

#### **Anti Drugs Campaign**

†2705. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the names of districts which have taken initiative in the Anti Drugs Campaign launched by the Government in 272 districts in the country since 15 August, 2020 along with the response being received from different districts in this regard;

(b) the names of the districts in Rajasthan where the campaign has been launched actively along with the details of the steps taken so far;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new Scheme in coordination with the State Governments to accelerate this campaign and to achieve fruitful results from the same; and

(d) the manner in which this campaign should be monitored to ensure full-fledged participation of the State Governments in the same?

#### **MPLADS Funds for SAGY**

†2706. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for spending funds from MPLAD Scheme only for the development of villages adopted by the Members of Parliament under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) if so, whether the said adopted villages are not being taken care of after the discontinuation of MPLADS funds by the Government;

(c) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds from certain other Heads apart from MPLADS fund to ensure the development of these villages; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure overall development of villages under the said scheme in the present circumstances?

#### **Assistance to the Victims of Delhi Riots**

2707. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for relief and other assistance to the victims of the riots that took place in Delhi in February, 2020;

(b) the details of the information revealed so far, in the investigation of the riots;

(c) the details of action taken against the people involved in these riots;

(d) whether reports have emerged that the police is stopping and detaining relief workers from various Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organisations from helping riot affected families;

(e) the steps being taken to ensure that relief work is not impeded;

(f) whether action is being taken to investigate and bring to justice members of the police who aided or turned a blind eye to the riots and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government would initiate an independent judiciary enquiry into the causes of the riot and perpetrators involved and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Surplus Foodgrains with FCI**

2708. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been holding large surplus of food grain during last two years;

(b) the details of the sale of food grains to open market and Government during the last three years;

(c) whether the FCI sell the food grain in open market at a loss during last two years;

(d) if so, the reason therefor; and

(e) whether the damage of food grains occurred during last few years due to surplus storage and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Employment for the Specially Aabled**

2709. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that nearly 65% of the specially-abled have been out of employment, of which only 1% are from the organised sector during the lockdown and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details and the number of specially-abled who have been out of employment since the lockdown and the unemployment rate among them, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate this problem;

(d) whether it is true that most of those "employed" are engaged in the unorganised sector or doing odd jobs like vending, begging and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to protect the specially-abled persons?

#### **Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd.**

2710. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to handover its shares in the Electrical Machines Limited of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited situated in Kasaragod district, Kerala to the State Government of Kerala;

(b) if so, whether any Cabinet Note has been circulated in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Uniform Policy for Agriculture**

2711. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is considering a uniform set of policies for the agricultural sector across the country, so that farmers benefit the most and their income doubles, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the agriculture sector is an area that bothers both the Centre and the States with both the Governments making policies for the sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Training under DDU-GKY**

2712. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths from Tamil Nadu including Thoothikudi, trained under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), since April, 2019, district-wise;

(b) the number of youths from Tamil Nadu who are employed after completion of training, since April 2019, district-wise, along with the details of their employment; and

(c) the number of youths from SC, ST, OBC background from Tamil Nadu who were trained under the scheme and got employment, district-wise, since April 2019?

#### **Proposal for Agriculture Infrastructure Fund**

2713. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the proposal for setting up of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund;

(b) if so, the details along with the features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to curtail the post-harvest losses and to further boost the agriculture sector in the country?

#### **Reduction of GST rate for Automobile Sector**

2714. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:



Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any recommendation to reduce the GST rate for automobile sector to provide assistance in its recovery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Supply of Fertilizers and Pesticides**

2715. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of fertilizers and pesticides in the cultivation of paddy in the State of Andhra Pradesh is supplied sufficiently, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the per acre production of paddy in the State of Andhra Pradesh is less than the country's average because of insufficient supply of fertilisers and pesticides; and

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

**Farmers under e-NAM**

2716. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers in each Mandi in Bihar, district-wise;

(b) the number of farmers registered on e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform; and

(c) the extent to which the e-NAM platform has helped farmers from Bihar to increase their revenue and double their income since they registered themselves with e-NAM?

**New Norms for Bulk Drug Parks**

2717. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame new norms post COVID-19 for location of bulk drug parks in the country including in backward areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far along with the future action plan?

**Crop Damage due to Unseasonal Rains**

‡2718. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

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 crops damaged due to unseasonal rains in the State of Maharashtra especially in Buldhana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of villages and farmers affected due to unseasonal rains in Maharashtra in Buldhana and the details of the crops damaged along with the area affected in terms of hectares?

**Encouraging Youth towards Agriculture**

‡2719. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any programme under each Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) to encourage youth towards agriculture sector and to make agriculture sector a profitable business;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of tenant farmers is on the rise due to which farmers are not getting benefits of agricultural schemes;

(d) if so, whether the Government has worked out any model for agricultural land lease; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**COVID-19 Cases amongst Prisoners**

2720. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it true that many prisoners kept in various jails across the country have tested positive for COVID-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of prisoners affected by COVID-19 and the action taken to save these affected prisoners and also to protect other prisoners kept in the jails, State-wise and jail-wise?

**Cancellation of Ration Cards**

2721. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

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 ration cards cancelled due to non-seeding with Aadhaar since 2017, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has done any assessment to ensure that cancelled ration cards are not the ones belonging to genuine beneficiaries;

(c) if so, the details of such assessment and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of remedy can a genuine beneficiary avail whose ration card has been cancelled due to non-seeding with Aadhaar; and

(e) the details of cancelled ration cards which were reinstated after it was found that cancellation was incorrect, since 2017, State-wise and year-wise?

**COVID-19 Vaccine**

2722. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is among the front-runners in the development and marketing of COVID-19 vaccine developed by Oxford-Astra-Zeneca with its Serum Institute of India producing and delivering upto 100 million doses of the vaccines priced at Rs. 225;

(b) whether Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed to provide 150 million dollars to Serum Institute of India to enable the low and middle income groups to access the life-saving vaccine; and

(c) whether the Serum Institute of India holds exclusive rights to supply the vaccine in India and non-exclusive rights for overseas countries designated by World Health Organisation?

**e-Payment for e-NAM**

†2723. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced e-Payment facility under the e-NAM platform;

(b) if so, the manner in which it is likely to be beneficial for the farmers;

(c) whether the State of Bihar is also been covered under the said Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of the farmers who have used this platform till date, district-wise?

**Acquisition of Agricultural Land**

†2724. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large area of agricultural land is being acquired by the public and private agencies for development of basic infrastructure;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of agricultural land acquired by the public and private agencies during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is considering to control/restrict the acquisition of agricultural land for development of basic infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Complaint Against NGOs**

2725. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaints received against the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) by Central Government have been referred to the concerned States;

(b) if so, the number of complaints referred to the States during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the number of complaints investigated by the States along with the number of investigation report received by the Central Government from the States during the said period; and

(d) the action taken by the Government on the said investigation report and its outcome thereof?

**Establishment of RGM**

2726. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gokul Grams established under Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) per State in the last five years;

(b) the amount spent by the Government per State on RGM during the last five years;

(c) the details of measures taken for breed improvement under RGM during the last five years; and

(d) whether the Government is able to achieve its target under RGM of preserving indigenous cattle breeds, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Implementation of Agricultural Schemes

‡2727. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of the schemes being implemented by the Union Government related to Agriculture in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the financial and actual progress made under each scheme in the State during each of the three years, year-wise;

(c) whether any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh is pending with the Ministry and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

### PMGSY-III Projects

2728. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the cost sharing pattern between the Central and the State Governments for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) projects to be implemented in the States other than the North Eastern and hilly States;

(b) whether the Government plans to increase its percentage share in these projects in view of the strain on the State Government's finances due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) if so, the total target length for five years under PMGSY-III for the entire country especially for Maharashtra State and Stara district of Maharashtra?

### Revision of PMFBY Operational Guidelines

2729. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to revise the operational guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to enable the inclusion of loss of paddy due to localized calamity and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take steps for finalizing the protocol for crop loss due to wild animals, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps for sharing the premium at 60:40 between Centre and the State; and

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

### Allocation of Fertilizer Subsidy

2730. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the budget 2020-21, the subsidy on fertilizers has been reduced by Rs. 9,534 crore against the budget of 2019-20;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government has allotted a paltry amount of Rs. 12.5 crore to promote the use of organic and biological sources of nutrients; and

(d) the reason for a paltry allocation if the subsidy has been reduced to promote and/or support organic farming?

### Post-Harvest Losses

2731. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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 post-harvest losses in the country is 10 per cent of the total food grain produced per year;

(b) if so, the reason therefor and estimated amount of loss per year;

(c) whether it is true that the setting up of silos to store food grains such as wheat and rice is important as it helps in curbing post-harvest losses and wastage; and

(d) if so, the number of silos installed in the country during last five years along with the capacity therein, State-wise?

### Creation of Private Farm Market Yards

2732. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has enabled the creation of private farm market yards, if so, the ways in which these markets will help the farmers;

(b) the average market price for cereals and vegetables in private market yards compared to Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis;

(c) whether the average price for cereals and vegetables is higher in private market yards compared to APMC mandis, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these private market yards have expanded the access of farmers to agricultural markets over and above the APMC mandis, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the existing Agriculture Market Committees are going to be scrapped, if so, the details of the proposal in this regard;

(f) whether private market yards eliminate middlemen who play a crucial role in fixing the price of agricultural produce; and

(g) the details of the total number of private market yards, including electronic trading platforms in the country till date, State-wise?

#### **Grant-in- Aid to NGOs**

2733. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Grants-in-Aid given to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working for Scheduled Castes (SCs) during each of the last five years;

(b) the details of such NGOs from Odisha given aid during the said period particularly in the districts of Angul and Dhenkanal, year-wise;

(c) whether the periodic audit of their work has been done on a regular basis and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the NGOs found to have under-performed?

#### **Welfare of Dairy Farmers**

†2734. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme for providing package for the welfare of the milk farmers of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and released by the Government for different schemes during each of the last three years and in the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise especially in Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has sent any proposal to the Government regarding the welfare of dairy farmers during the last three years; and

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

#### **Facilities under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana**

2735. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who have been provided facilities under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in Gujarat along with the details of the said facilities;

(b) the number of farmers who have received benefits under the said Yojana in Surat and Navsari regions of Gujarat; and

(c) the details of facilities provided to the farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana?

#### **Welfare of SCs and OBCs**

†2736. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(b) whether the percentage of assistance provided to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) is different from different Social Welfare Schemes;

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

(d) whether any time-line has been fixed for purchase of goods by NGOs under non-recurring head and expenditure is not being reimbursed under the required head;

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

(f) the year in which the criteria for setting standards for NGOs and setting fund limit has been fixed?

#### **Women SHG under NRLM**

2737. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women Self-Help Groups (SHG) established under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), State/UT-wise;

(b) whether women self-help groups have provided and continue to provide critical ground-level support to address the challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has provided additional financial assistance to women self-help groups to cope with the COVID-19 crisis and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government would consider providing interest free loans to women self-help groups as part of the COVID-19 economic recovery package and if so, the details thereof?

**Protection of Consumer Rights  
across e-Platforms**

2738. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

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 steps taken by the Government to protect consumer rights across e-platforms;

(b) the disposal rate of cases under the Consumer Protection Act, State-wise, including cases concerning consumer rights on e-platforms; and

(c) the steps that have been taken by the Government to further protect the rights and interests of consumers?

**Maintenance of Roads under PMGSY**

†2739. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the agency accountable for the maintenance of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) the agency accountable for the maintenance of more than five years old roads; and

(c) whether fund is likely to be provided to the State Governments or to the agencies for the maintenance work of five years old roads and if so, the details thereof?

**Assistance to PwDs**

2740. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial and psychological help to Person with Disabilities (PwDs) who are poor or have lost jobs owing to the pandemic;

(b) whether the Government is considering to introduce relief under various food security measures for disbursal of subsidised foodgrains to disabled persons, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;

(c) whether in view of the extensive use of online teaching during the pandemic, the Government has taken steps to ensure accessibility to digital education to students with disabilities, especially the hard of hearing

community who are reliant on sign language interpreters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Atmanirbhar Package for Agriculture**

2741. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the Atmanirbhar Package, borne by the Union Government which goes towards the agriculture sector, including a detailed break up of current package, estimated loan amount, and previous budget announcements;

(b) the details regarding State-wise allocation for the package;

(c) whether the Government is planning to provide any income support to peasant households, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**FAME India Scheme**

†2742. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking measures to boost the scheme of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) India Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the vehicles sold since the implementation of FAME India Scheme;

(c) whether the Government is making efforts to encourage the use of electric vehicles and make them affordable in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken or considered by the Government?

**Assistance to Farmers**

†2743. 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 provide financial assistance to farmers as done by the Government of Telangana (Rs. 10,000 per hectare annually) and the Government of Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 12,500 per hectare annually) to recover from economic crisis faced by farmers due to devastation of crops by the Coronavirus pandemic and resulting lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether the Government proposes to increase financial assistance from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 10,000 annually meant for farmers under PM-KISAN Yojana;

(d) if so, whether the Government has worked out any policy for this purpose and the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to give one-time financial assistance in place of instalments to farmers under PM-KISAN Yojana; and

(f) if so, the time by when the same would be carried out and the details thereof?

#### **Registration and Renewal of Licence for Jewellers**

2744. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

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 launched digital solution for registration and renewal process for licence for jewellers recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives and idea behind the move;

(c) whether the said system will benefit both the consumer and jewellers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of number of complaints registered under violation of purity of jewellery during the each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) whether the online system of audit of jewellers will help to curtail malpractices of Hallmark of jewellery item;

(f) whether the Government is currently working on quality checks for such products available in the market; and

(g) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure availability of pure jewellery to the consumers and the time by which the online system will be implemented?

#### **e-National Agricultural Market**

2745. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mandis on the electronic platform across the country, as on date along with the time by which all the mandis are likely to be on the electronic platform across the country;

(b) whether the Government has set up the National Agriculture Market (NAM) in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with its advantages to the farmers particularly during the period of COVID-19 Pandemic;

(d) whether the Government has achieved the desired results of setting up the NAM across the country;

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

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to regulate and modernize the mandis and strengthen the agricultural market infrastructure in the country particularly in rural areas?

#### **Agricultural Credit Flow**

2746. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural credit flow during the last three years;

(b) the details of various crop insurance programmes available for farmers; and

(c) the amount of relief distributed to farmers of Andhra Pradesh for various crops during last three years?

#### **National Council for Transgender Persons**

2747. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted the National Council for Transgender Persons recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its composition and functions;

(c) whether the Government is making provision for affirmative action in employment and education as mandated by the Supreme Court's judgement and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to end discrimination against transgender persons in accessing education, employment and healthcare;

(e) whether the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act does not adequately protect the rights of transgender people and fails to comply with India's constitutional and international human rights obligations; and

(f) if so, the steps taken or being taken to amend the provisions of the Act?

#### **Growth of Dairy Sector**

2748. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the package approved under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan for ensuring growth in the sector of Dairying through Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund towards breed improvement to increase Milk Production and the processing sector and also to increase export of Dairy Products and to cope up with the Standards of the countries like New-Zealand;

(b) whether the Government has proposed to consider the proposals for development of the dairy submitted to the Ministry under National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF); and

(c) if so, the list of proposals received under NPDD eligible to be considered under AHIDF especially from Co-operative Dairies of Maharashtra State?

#### Implementation of ONORC Scheme

‡2749. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:

MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

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 One Nation, One Ration Card scheme and the manner in which it is being implemented along with the role of the State Governments therein;

(b) the number of beneficiaries covered therein so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of time line and targets fixed for implementation of the said scheme in the country;

(d) the names of the States included under the said scheme; and

(e) the name of the States not included so far along with the reasons for their non-inclusion and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Schemes for Agriculture

2750. 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 launched Agriculture Infrastructure Fund to check post-harvest wastage and create processing facilities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount sanctioned to farmer societies under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund;

(c) whether the Government has released the sixth instalment of the PM-KISAN Yojana fund of Rs. 17,000 crore rupees to support farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken to create cold storage, collection centres and processing units so that farmers can get the true value for their produce;

(e) whether the Government has launched Innovation and Agri entrepreneurship Development Programme under the revamped Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, if so, the details thereof, including the amount likely to be spent; and

(f) the steps taken for empowerment of farmers and development of agriculture?

#### Government Godowns in Odisha

‡2751. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Odisha where Government godowns are available for the storage of foodgrains and vegetables;

(b) the scheme and policy of the Government for the setting up of godowns in rural areas for the storage of foodgrains and vegetables;

(c) whether the Government godowns are not available in several districts of Odisha even today; and

(d) if so, the proposal of the Government in this regard?

#### Jan Aushadhi Kendras

2752. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras presently functioning in the country, State and UT-wise;

(b) the details of new Jan Aushadhi Kendras likely to be started, State and UT-wise;

(c) the total sales of these operational Jan Aushadhi Kendras during the last 14 months along with the details of total saving to the customers, State and UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any data with regard to the number of masks and sanitizers sold through Jan Aushadhi Kendras during the last six months; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise?

#### **Development of Fish Farming**

2753. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:  
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 the Government has fixed up any target for production and development of fish farming in all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of special packages and financial assistance being provided to fisheries farmers;

(c) whether the Government is aware that farmers are facing major problems of transportation and marketing of their fish; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Removing Cap on SDRF**

2754. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers of various States have requested the Union Government to lift the 35 per cent cap on State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) to fight COVID-19;

(b) if so, whether the Government has considered the same and taken any decision;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government will allow the States to utilize 50 per cent of SDRF for COVID related activities for the next two years considering the particular situation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of funds remaining in SDRF presently, State-wise;

#### **Food Processing Sector**

2755. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING  
INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's Food Processing Sector is one of the largest in the world and its output is expected to reach 535 billion dollars by 2025-26;

(b) if so, is it also a fact that India's total agricultural export basket is a little over two per cent of the world agricultural trade;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the total export of processed food has dipped over 85 per cent in last six months of COVID-19 period thereof; and

(d) if so, the proposal of Government to restore normalcy and overcome the economic crisis of the food processing manufacturers?

#### **Improvement in Food Quality under PDS**

2756. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD  
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to improve the quality of food being distributed through the ration shops;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure food/grains distribution for those who are without ration cards;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government plan to continue this free food ration scheme for few more months; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Measures to Strengthen Panchayati Raj System**

†2757. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete measures are being taken to strengthen the Panchayati Raj System and to give more authority to it;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Harmful Fertilizers**

2758. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of certain fertilizers which is harmful to the soil and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has the list of such fertilizers still used in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for allowing such fertilizers in the country; and

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(d) the details of projects undertaken by the Government to develop eco friendly fertilizers in the country?

#### **Nutrient Based Subsidy**

2759. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to bring urea under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the constraints faced by the Government in bringing urea under NBS; and

(d) the details of the advantages and disadvantages of NBS?

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#### **Fertilizer Demand**

†2760. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the aggregate demand for various fertilizers in the country including Maharashtra during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the demand can be met by indigenous production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any specific plan to start new fertilizers plants in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply of fertilizers in the country?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA  
*Secretary General*

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