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Suicide by Farmers due to Debt

231 Shri. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the farmers are taking inhuman steps like suicide due to their inability in paying their loan amount;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to take any step to write off the bank loan of the families of the farmers who commit suicide due to financial crunch;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loans under KCC

232 Sh. Sumedhanand Saraswati (Sikar):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:-

- (a) the details of the loans given to the Kisan Credit

Card (KCC) holders in Rajasthan during each of the last three years;

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

(c) if so, the details thereof;

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

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

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

Agricultural Loans

233 Sh. Ramdas Chandrabhanji Tadas (Wardha):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare :-

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

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

Increase in PM Kisan Scheme Payment

234 Sh. Malook Nagar (Bijnor):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare :-

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

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan ,

235 **Sh. K. Navaskani (Ramanathapuram) :**
Smt. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo(Bolangir) :

RURAL DEVELOPMENT :-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Employment Guarantee Scheme

236 **Shri. Ravindra Shyamnarayan (Gorakhpur):**

RURAL DEVELOPMENT :-

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether the people in rural areas are getting one hundred days of assured employment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mandays under MGNREGA

237 Sh. S. Venkatesan (madurai):

RURAL DEVELOPMENT :-

- (a) the average mandays employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the months of April, May, June, July, August (2020-21) both at national level and State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal on the part of the Government to increase the number of eligible work days under MGNREGA; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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

238 Shri. Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy(ONGOLE) :
Shri. Kuruva Gorantla Madhav (Hindupur) :

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare :-

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this ordinance seeks to provide for barrier-free trade of farmers' produce outside the markets notified under the various State agricultural produce market laws (State APMC Acts) and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether this Ordinance will prevail over the State APMC Acts;
- (f) whether the State Governments were consulted

before passing this Ordinance; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

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Implementation of MGNREGS during Covid-19 Pandemic ,

239 Smt. Pramila Bisoy(Aska) :
Shri. D. K. Suresh(Bangalore Rural) :

RURAL DEVELOPMENT:-

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

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

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

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

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

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

(g) whether during the time of lockdown the employment provided under MGNREGS was far below than before the lockdown and many State Governments have reported that they have not received the allocation

of fund under MGNREGS, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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Provision of MSP to Maize Farmers

240 Shri. Dr. Mohammad jawed (Kishanganj):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare :-

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the maize farmers of Bihar particularly in Kishanganj district and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated for Purnea and Kishanganj districts of Bihar in particular;
- (c) the details of the annual maize production in Bihar and the quantity procured by Government at the MSP rate during this year; and
- (d) the steps proposed by the Government to procure all the maize produced by farmers in Bihar so that they are not forced to sell at the lower price in the open market?

Percentage of small and Marginal Farmers ,

241 Shri. Sangam Lal Gupta(Pratapgarh) :

Sh. Ravindra Kushawaha(Salempur) :

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare :-

- (a) the number and percentage of small and marginal farmers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether effective low cost techniques have been developed by the Agriculture Research Institutions for small land holdings in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Government to encourage the small and marginal farmers to adopt such technique and to provide assistance to them; and

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

Promotion of Hindi language

**242 Smt. Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah(Tehri Garhwal) :
Sh. Kunwar Pushendra Singh Chandel(Hamirpur-up) :**

HOME AFFAIRS:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the increasing use of Hinglish - a hybrid of English and Hindi in common parlance and for official purpose;
- (b) whether the Government is making any special efforts to further promote the proper and practical use of Hindi language;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the funds spent on training and promotion of Hindi language in Government Institutions during the last three years?

Cold Storage Facilities

243 Sh. Prathap Simha (Mysore):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps towards implementing cold storage facilities in Karnataka and Anicut Constituency of Tamil Nadu to Guna for Mango, Jasmine flower during off season;
- (b) if so, the details of steps undertaken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Damage to Crops

244 Sh. Dharambir Singh (Bhiwani):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:-

- (a) whether the Government has made any

assessment of the damage to cotton and moong crops in Haryana due to insect attacks and heavy rains;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken to check such damages;
(c) if not, the reasons therefor;
(d) whether the Government has made any plan to provide compensation for the damage to crops due to insect attacks; and
(e) if so, the time since when the said compensation is being given along with the details thereof?

Rural Connectivity Projects in Maharashtra

245 Dr. Sujay Radhakrishna Vikhepatil (ahmednagar):

RURAL DEVELOPMENT:-

(a) the rural connectivity projects sanctioned in Maharashtra during the last five years including but not limited to works sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
(b) the rural connectivity projects completed by the Ministry in Maharashtra during the said period;
(c) whether rural connectivity projects sanctioned during the last five years in Maharashtra have not yet been completed; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Job Cuts in the Agricultural Sector

246 Shri. D. K. Suresh (Bangalore Rural):

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:-

(a) whether it is true that there are severe job cuts in the agricultural sector due to Covid -19 and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has any estimate of the number of farmers and landless agricultural labourers who lost their jobs and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to

provide relief to farmers in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the other measures taken by the Government in this regard?
