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Questions For Oral Answer

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[Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Chemical and Fertilizers - CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION - FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES - HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES - HOME AFFAIRS - HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS - PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS and SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT].

Total No. of Questions - 20

Welfare Schemes for Farmers

***21 Sh. Dinesh Trivedi (Barrackpur):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Economic Survey 2018 states that the farmers real income has “remained stagnant” (1.9 per cent growth over four years) and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has any welfare schemes for farmers aged more than 60, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has noted that one of the major causes of low income of the Indian farmers is the difficulty in marketing their crops and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the productivity per acre is low in all the States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and 10

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Overcrowded Prisons

***22 Sh. Rajiv Pratap Rudy (saran):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment to check if the prisons in the country are overcrowded;

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

(c) the total capacity of the prisons in the country along with the total number of prisoners in these prisons, State-wise;

(d) the details regarding the total number of International prisoners in the country, country-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the prisons in the country are not overcrowded?

Deaths in Prisons

***23 Sh. Vishnu Dayal Ram (Palamu):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number and major causes of deaths in prisons, State-wise;

(b) whether any audit on the condition of prisons has been conducted in the country;

(c) if so, the date on which the last such audit was conducted along with the outcome of the said audits;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of rehabilitation facilities being successfully provided in the jails to ensure that criminals are deterred from committing crimes in future?

Dependency on Monsoon

***24 Sh. Uday Pratap Singh (Hoshangabad):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the steps taken by the Government to reduce dependency on monsoon and compensate for the losses incurred due to damage of crops as a result of natural calamities during the last four years and the current year; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated to Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh under Calamity Relief Fund during the said period, year-wise?

Task Force for Sugar Industry

***25 Sh. G.Hari (Arakkonam):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to set up a task force for the sugar industry to find solutions for the said industry and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government cannot continue to give packages year after year to the sugarcane industry which has to cut back production and if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructure at Fishing Ports

***26 Sh. Sharad Tripathi (Firozabad):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify such fishing ports where there is scarcity of infrastructure and other facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States to conduct survey of fishing ports in certain coastal States; and
- (d) if so, the details of the proposals submitted for setting up of new fishing ports during the last three years and the current year, State and UT-wise?

Recruitment Drive for Paramilitary Forces

***27 Sh. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) the names of the districts in the country, especially in Maharashtra where recruitment drive for constables in paramilitary forces has been launched as on date;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch such special recruitment drive in backward districts of the country, especially in Buldhana district of Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Farmers' Suicides

***28 Prof. Saugata Roy (Dum Dum):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government has maintained the correct data relating to suicides by farmers in the country, if so, the details thereof including the total number of such cases reported and compensation paid during each of the last five years and the current year, gender and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified the reasons behind farmers' suicides and if so, the details thereof and the action taken to redress the grievances of farmers in the country;
- (c) whether there are reports that the Government has not published the data regarding farmers' suicides in the last few years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the economic condition of farmers, implement land reforms, provide adequate quantity and quality of water, address technology fatigue and ensure access, adequacy and timelines of institutional credit and

opportunities for assured and remunerative marketing; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government to check farmers' suicides and the outcome thereof?

Growth of Food Processing Sector

***29 Sh. Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel (Hamirpur):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is focusing on areas such as modern machines, technology and bio-degradable packaging to overcome the challenges facing the food processing sector and promote its growth in the country including the Bundelkhand area and if so, the details thereof and the plan prepared therefor;

(b) whether there is a need to work on improving the infrastructure for the food processing sector to increase exports, reduce wastage and supply the products in every nook and corner of the country including Bundelkhand and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to open Mega Food Park in Bundelkhand and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether currently there is no mechanism to measure the level of pesticides in fruits and vegetables and if so, the steps taken by the Government to develop such a mechanism and minimize high level of pesticides in fruits and vegetables; and

(e) whether the food processing sector is facing the non-availability of loan facilities and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address the issues related to nonavailability of loan for the industry?

Fake Ration Cards

***30 Sh. Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava (Bharuch):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether fake ration cards are still in use in the country and BPL cards have been issued to several ineligible persons which is causing loss of revenue to the Government due to several anomalies in the public distribution system;

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

(c) the number of fake ration cards seized by the Government during the last three years and the current year and the number of ineligible persons found to have been issued BPL cards, State-wise;

(d) the source behind the distribution of the said fake ration cards and BPL cards issued to the ineligible persons including the reasons for failure on the part of the Government to get at the root of the problem; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Shortage of Urea

***31 Sh. Arjunlal Meena (Udaipur):**

Will the **Chemical and Fertilizers** be pleased to state that (a) whether the farmers had to face huge shortage of urea in Rajasthan during the last several days; (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; (c) whether the Government has reduced the share of urea for Rajasthan; (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and (e) if not, the quantum of urea supplied to the State?

Sick Fertilizer Plants

***32 Dr. Banshilal Mahto (korba):**

Will the **Chemical and Fertilizers** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the closed/sick fertilizer plants in the country along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to re-start these plants;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the fertilizer plant of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL), situated at Korba, Chhattisgarh has been included in the revival programme of closed/sick plants and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the modernization programmes proposed for public sector fertilizer plants?

Crimes against Senior Citizens

***33 Sh. Dushyant Singh (Jhalawar-baran):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is concerned that crimes against senior citizens who are living alone have increased in recent years;

(b) if so, whether the Government has collected any data regarding the number of crimes against senior citizens across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Food Processing Industries in Hilly and Backward Areas

***34 Sh. Bhairon Prasad Mishra (banda):**

Will the **FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has decided to give special concessions for setting up of Food Processing Industries in the hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give the said concessions to the backward areas and districts like Bundelkhand also on the lines of hilly areas;

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

e-Payment Facility under e-NAM

***35 Sh. Ashok Mahadeorao Nete (gadchiroli-chimur):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has launched e-payment facility under e-NAM platform;

(b) if so, the manner in which it is going to benefit the farmers; and

(c) the States which have been linked with this scheme so far?

Illegal Immigration

***36 Sh. Prasun Banerjee (Howrah):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has any figure on the number of Muslims who have illegally entered India since 2010;

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

(c) the rationale for keeping Muslims out of the purview of the Citizenship Bill?

Circulation of Fake Currency

***37 Sh. Narendra Keshav Sawaikar, Advocate (south Goa):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes is steadily increasing in the border areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly after demonetisation;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to strengthen the agencies to curb such criminal activities in the border areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Price Monitoring Cell

***38 Sh. Balabhadra Majhi (nabarangpur):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has created three more centres in Odisha as proposed by the State for transmitting price information to Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether funds under the proposal of the State of Odisha are proposed to be released soon to activate the three new centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of PSU/Heavy Industry

***39 Smt. Riti Pathak (Sidhi):**

Will the **HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has set up any Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)/ Heavy Industry in States including Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the profit earned/loss incurred by the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) in the said States during the said period?

Compensation to Farmers

***40 Sh. Bharta Singh (ballia):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether in the absence of sufficient number of irrigation projects in various parts of the country, a large part of cultivable land has been left without sowing (Rabi Season), especially in Bundelkhand area in Uttar Pradesh as this area is totally dependent upon rains;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to start a centrally sponsored irrigation project to reduce the dependency of these areas on the rains;

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