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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].

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Promotion of Nutri-Farming

***121 Sh. Krishnan Narayanasamy Ramachandran (Sriperumbudur):**

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

(a) whether the Government has launched a pilot programme for promotion of nutri-farming and introducing new crop varieties that are rich in micro-nutrients such as iron-rich bajra, protein-rich maize and zinc-rich wheat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds earmarked for the implementation of this project?

Civic Amenities in Slums

***122 Smt. Kavitha Kalvakuntla (Nizamabad):**

Will the **HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds to provide civic amenities in the slums and for development of slums in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey regarding slums in the urban areas and to detect them by adopting Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to provide basic amenities such as healthcare to the people living in the slums in the metropolitans of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Storage Capacity of FCI

***123 Sh. Kaushal Kishore (Mohanlalganj):**

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

(a) the details of present godown/ storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it has been found in a recent study that the foodgrain production is increasing in the country but a large quantum of foodgrains are getting wasted every year, if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Government to check the wastage of foodgrains and increase the storage capacity of foodgrains to keep foodgrains safely in various States of the country including Bihar and Maharashtra;

(c) whether FCI stores foodgrains in rented godowns also and if so, the annual amount being spent on it;

(d) the details of the quantum of foodgrains damaged in FCI's own godowns as well as the rented private godowns during the last four years, State and godown-wise; and

(e) whether the Government/FCI has proposed to fix responsibility or held anyone responsible for such decay and wastage of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far?

Farmers' Income

***124 Sh. Anandrao Adsul (Amravati):**

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

(a) whether the Government has rolled out new initiatives, schemes, programmes and plans to benefit all the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the schemes implemented for doubling the farmers' income by 2022 and if so, the shortcomings noticed which create hindrance in doubling the farmers' income;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the shortcomings;

(d) the extent to which these new initiatives, schemes, programmes and plans have improved the quality of life of farmers, especially small and marginal farmers; and

(e) the role of State Governments in implementing the new initiatives, schemes, programmes and plans for the welfare of farmers along with the kind of assistance provided to the State Governments for effective implementation of these schemes?

Theft Cases

***125 Sh. Janardan Mishra (Amravati):**

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

(a) the number of car thieves arrested in New Delhi area, particularly under Tughlak

Road and Lodhi Colony Police Stations during the last year;

(b) the number of cars recovered so far; and

(c) the present status of the cases of theft in the said area including Lodhi Colony Police Station, case-wise?

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

***126 Prof. Ravindra Vishwanath Gaikwad(Osmanabad) :**

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

(a) the details of success achieved by the Government in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of farmers insured under the scheme in Jharkhand; and

(c) the types of crops for which insurance has been sought thereunder and the amount of insurance money disbursed till date in this regard?

Technology Innovation Grant

***127 Dr. Ponnusamy Venugopal (Tiruvallur) :**

Will the **HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

and Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 lakh each, the Government would offer an additional technology innovation grant of Rs. 2.5 lakh for each house;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that once innovative technologies have been tested and proved, these would be included in the Central Public Works Department list; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Attack on Religious Congregations

***128 Dr. Anirudhan Sampath, (Attingal):**

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

(a) whether the Government has investigated the attacks on a religious congregation in the country;

(b) if so, whether the involvement of any terrorist organisation was found;

(c) the total number of persons arrested and the progress of the investigation; and

(d) the preventive and security measures taken to thwart such attacks in future, especially on religious congregations?

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana

***129 Dr. Anirudhan Sampath, (Attingal):**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/ granted to Kerala under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) during the last four years;
- (b) the details of funds released to Kerala under the above scheme during the said period;
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released;
- (d) whether the funds released are sufficient to achieve the desired objectives; and
- (e) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Citizenship Amendment Bill

***130 Sh. Asaduddin Owaisi (Hyderabad):**

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

- (a) whether there have been protests in the North-Eastern States against the Citizenship Amendment Bill and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the main reasons for the protests and fears of the people in these States;
- (c) whether the Government recently had a meeting with the North-Eastern States to discuss the problems and fears faced by them in implementation of this Bill;
- (d) if so, the issues raised and discussed in the meeting; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to address the problems being faced by these States after passing the said Bill?

Smart Cities Mission

***131 Sh. B.V. Naik (raichur):**

Will the **HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) the number of slums demolished in selected smart cities for developmental projects, particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) whether guidelines have been issued to the State Governments to provide rehabilitation to the people living in slums before land is acquired for developmental purposes under Smart Cities Mission and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the amount sanctioned, released and utilised so far in these States under the Mission for rehabilitation of people living in slums; and
- (d) the details of rehabilitation projects to be started or under implementation in those cities, particularly in Karnataka?

Manual Scavenging

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

Will the **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis has ensured payment of Rs. 10 lakh to 100 families whose members died as a result of manual scavenging;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that deaths on account of manual scavenging continue to happen across the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to abolish manual scavenging completely in the country?

Price Realization by Farmers

***133 Sh. Kamalbhan Singh Marabi (Surguja):**

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

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to determine the causes for lower price realization by farmers for various crops like onion, brinjal, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the steps considered to be taken to address the issue of very low price realization for different food crops;

(c) the extent to which the Price Stabilization Fund has fulfilled its mandate in reducing distress selling of agricultural crops; and

(d) whether the Government is considering formation of a permanent commission to provide remedial measures and real time assistance during distress sale and if so, the details thereof?

Smart City Projects

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

Will the **HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the amount spent so far on the Smart City projects along with the heads under which the money has been spent;

(b) the number of smart cities in the country at present; and

(c) the status report of all smart city works undertaken including the deadline for completion of the works?

Calculation of MSP

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

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

- (a) the criteria adopted for calculating the input cost in agriculture in the country;
- (b) the clause adopted for calculation of the MSP;
- (c) the details of MSP of various farm produce during the last year; and
- (d) whether it is in conformity with the MS Swaminathan Committee's recommendation for giving 1.5 times input cost to the farmers and if so, the details thereof?

Witness Protection Scheme

***136 Sh. C. N. Jayadevan (Thrissur):**

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

- (a) whether the Supreme Court has asked the States to implement a scheme framed by the Union Government to protect the witnesses in criminal trials from threat, intimidation and undue influence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has framed such a scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States that have taken steps to implement the scheme so far?

Use of Chemical Fertilizers

***137 Sh. Laxman Giluwa (singhbhum):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has carried out any research to ascertain the extent to which the excessive use of chemical fertilizers destroys soil fertility and causes various types of diseases and other problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the level to which the quality of soil has reduced due to imbalanced use of fertilizers every year, State-wise;
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government on the findings of the said research;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any programme/campaign to create awareness amongst the farmers regarding the effects of imbalanced use of fertilizers and the need to use conventional and harmless fertilizers or the benefits of organic farming and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to check the imbalanced use of fertilizers along with the outcome thereof and the details of the progress report after taking these steps?

Storage of Buffer Stock

***138 Sh. T.G. Venkatesh Babu (chennai North):**

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

(a) the details of the quantum of storage of buffer stock fixed by the Government for various food items;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an institution under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to manage the proposed buffer stock of pulses and tackle the problem of food shortage due to crop loss in any year and also price spikes of essential food items; and

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

Milk and Dairy Products

***139 Sh. M. K. Raghavan (Kozhikode):**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to discard the idea of creating a buffer stock for milk and dairy products by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB);

(b) whether it is a fact that huge quantum of skimmed milk powder and other dairy products will remain unsold due to this decision and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria for pricing various products sold by NDDB and also the pricing pattern on purchases made from private players by NDDB along with the details thereof?

Procurement of Foodgrains

***140 Sh. Santokh Singh Chaudhary (Jalandhar):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Punjab in procurement of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has declined over the years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether FCI is not even procuring the quota decided at the start of the season and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decrease in Punjab's share of procurement has led to adverse financial impact on farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to increase the share of procurement from farmers of Punjab and make the procurement process smooth and easier, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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