

**(LOK SABHA)**

**Questions For Written Answers**

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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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**Construction of Roads along Borders by CPWD**

**1381 Sh. S. Rajendran(Viluppuram ) :  
Sh. Sudheer Gupta( Mandsour) :  
Sh. T. Radhakrishnan(Virudhunagar) :**

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

(a) whether the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has been asked to construct strategically important roads along Indo-China and Indo-Pakistan borders;

(b) if so, the number of strategically important roads identified by the Government in this regard, State-wise;

(c) the estimated cost likely to be involved along with the time by which the project is likely to be started and completed; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by his Ministry to construct all weather roads along the Indian borders?

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**Implementation of Schemes**

**1382 Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato(Jamshedpur ) :**

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

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers since the year 2014 till date along with the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the said scheme, year-wise;

(b) the details of the proposals received from various States along with the proposals approved by the Union Government under the schemes sponsored by the Ministry, State-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for implementation of various schemes of the Ministry during each of the last four years and the current year, scheme and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has set any time-limit for completing the pending schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the funds allocated to the States/Organisations for achieving the said purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken against the NonGovernmental Organisations (NGOs) found guilty in this regard?

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### **Amendments in SC/ST Act**

**1383 Sh. Sukender Reddy Gutha (Nalgonda):**

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating on bringing amendments to the present Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a writ petition has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the amendments to the Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Funds for Schemes**

**1384 Sh. Ramesh Chander Kaushik (Sonipat):**

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

(a) the details of the funds released to Sonapat in Haryana under various schemes of the Ministry;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes under which the work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of work under some schemes?

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### **Fasal Bima Yojana**

**1385 Sh. B. Senguttuvan(Vellore ) :**

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

(a) the details of the amount collected by the Government under Fasal Bima Yojana and the number of farmers benefited under this scheme till now;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the target of beneficiaries under this scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the statistics relating to total compensation provided by the Government to farmers/insurance claims of the farmers settled since its introduction, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government's Crop Insurance Scheme is effective enough to cover crop failures and losses to the farmers due to the natural calamities on payment of the lowest possible premium which would alleviate the rural misery and distress and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the salient aspects of this Crop Insurance Scheme and the manner in which it is better than the schemes introduced earlier; and

(f) whether there is any capping on the premium payable by the farmers in order to get an enhanced compensation, and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Funds for FPI Schemes**

**1386 Sh. Kirti Azad (JHA) (Darbhanga):**

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

(a) the details of the funds released to Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of this Ministry;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which the work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) if the work has not been completed, the reasons therefor?

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### **Comments of States on Law Commission Report**

**1387 Smt. Kirron Anupam Kher (Chandigarh):**

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

(a) the details of comments received from State Governments on the Law Commission's 273rd report titled 'Implementation of United Nations Convention against Torture and other cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment through Legislation' in which a draft Prevention of Torture Bill was also prescribed, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to expedite the consultation on this report?

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### **Single Window Service for NGOs**

**1388 Sh. Anoop Mishra ( morena):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the sub-registrar offices in the National Capital Territory of Delhi do not have single window service for registration and amendment related formalities for any non-Governmental Organization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these offices still take months for any small amendments in the registered organization and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether even request for changing registered address of any organization needed full amendment and takes a month and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of assessment for office mechanism in these offices as per the last review?

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### **Starvation Death**

**1389 Prof. Ravindra Vishwanath Gaikwad (Osmanabad):**

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

(a) whether the Government has assessed the number of starvation deaths in the country, if so, the details and facts thereof; and

(b) the measures being undertaken by the Government to prevent starvation deaths?

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### **Protection of Women under Domestic Violence Act**

**1390 Dr. Udit Raj (North West Delhi):**

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

(a) the number of cases pending under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, State-wise;

(b) the number of such cases pending for more than six months, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to issue directions for deciding such cases within six months as has been notified in the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; and

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### **Water Efficiency in Agriculture**

**1391 Sh. Ravneet Singh (Ludhiana ):**

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

(a) whether it is true that only 38% of water efficiency is prevalent in agriculture, in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has a separate department relating to irrigation project management and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by the Government in consultation with the State Government of Punjab for effective conservation of water for agricultural purposes; and

(d) the amount spent by the Government in this regard?

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### **Trafficking in Women and Children**

**1392 Sh. Parasuraman K. (Thanjavur):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of trafficking in women and children is increasing every year as per the report of the National Crime Records Bureau;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in majority of the cases, the trafficked women and children are untraceable;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total number of cases of missing girls and children traced during the last five years;

(e) whether the Government has set up rehabilitation centres to help those who are abducted and traced; and

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### **Domestic Slavery**

**1393 Sh. B. Senguttuvan (Vellore ):**

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

(a) whether the Government would subscribe to and ratify UN Convention No. 189 to help end domestic slavery;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that a large number or

women and children, who are lured with the offer of lucrative wages, often end up as locked-in domestic slaves in India and abroad; (

d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government would bring about comprehensive legislation to free the domestic workers from this kind of slavery and help them live with dignity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Implementation of Street Vendors Act, 2014**

**1394 Dr. Naramalli Sivaprasad (Chittoor) :**

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

(a) whether the States and Union Territories have notified rules for the implementation of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Town Vending Committees (TVCs) have been formed in the cities and towns in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the safeguards for the protection of street vendors in the absence of State rules, in case of their eviction?

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### **Contract Labourers in FCI**

**1395 Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli) :  
Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati) :**

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

(a) the total number of labourers deployed in various depots of Food Corporation of India (FCI) along with their mode of deployment and payment, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government had decided to discontinue the system of contract labour in FCI and implement Direct Payment System (DPS);

(c) if so, whether the Contract labourers continue to be deployed and the DPS is yet to be implemented in various depots of FCI in violation of the said directives, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the contract/DPS labourers have been raising several demands including regularisation in FCI and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken to meet the legitimate demands of the labourers; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the welfare of contract workers in FCI?

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## Implementation of KALIA Scheme

**1396 Dr. Jayakumar Jayavardhan(Chennai South) :**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to implement Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) in all the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a support scheme whose primary targets are small farmers, cultivators and landless agricultural labourers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the scheme involves payments to encourage cultivation and associated activities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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## Proposals for Developmental Works

**1397 Sh. Rahul Kaswan (Churu):**

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

- (a) the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the State Government of Rajasthan regarding various projects and developmental works during the last three years along with the status of these proposals and the amount involved therein, proposal/project-wise;
- (b) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the said proposals along with the action taken to expedite the same;
- (c) whether any time-limit has been fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the developmental works get disrupted due to delay in disposal of the proposals; and
- (e) if so, the manner in which cost escalation in works is adjusted?

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## Cheating by Real Estate Groups

**1398 Prof. Saugata Roy (Dum Dum):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that a large number of real estate groups are cheating the investors by offering flats/residential units in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of cases registered in the country in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken action against such groups to check their offers in future and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to acquire their properties to encash the public money; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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### **National Policy on Criminal Justice**

**1399 Smt. Poonam Mahajan (Mumbai-north-central):**

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated a National Policy on Criminal Justice to provide a faster, fairer and inexpensive system of justice in criminal matters particularly with respect to protecting the interests of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, children, women, disabled persons and other weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the policy and its current status; and

(c) whether criminal law reforms have been initiated as a result of the implementation of the policy and if so, the current status of such reforms?

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### **Hazardous Pesticides**

**1400 Sh. M. Chandrakasi ( Chidambaram) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has details regarding the number of annual death of farmers caused due to harmful effects of pesticide-handling in the country during each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for such deaths and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that many highly hazardous pesticides banned in foreign countries are allowed to be used in India and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the steps being taken to promote safe and judicious use of pesticides by farmers for better pestmanagement practices and for increasing agricultural production through education and awareness programmes; and

(e) the fresh steps taken by the Government to have an exclusive legislation on pesticides management to address the issues related to unsafe use of pesticides?

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### **Criteria for setting up of Godowns**

**1401 Sh. S. Rajendran(Viluppuram) :  
Sh. Sudheer Gupta( Mandsour) :  
Sh. Ashok Shankarrao Chavan(Nanded) :**

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



(a) the criteria fixed by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for setting up of godowns in the States;

(b) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government for setting up of godowns in their States, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the FCI has provided Hill transport subsidy to some States and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Hill transport subsidy is pending with the Union Government and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government to resolve and expedite the release of pending subsidy at the earliest?

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### **Affordable Housing Projects**

**1402 Col. Sona Ram Choudhary, VSM (Retd.) (Barmer):**

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

(a) the details of affordable housing project/scheme implemented in the country;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilized under the said scheme since its launch up to December 2017;

(c) whether the Government intends to extend the benefits of the said scheme to small towns by providing assistance to the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Applicants for Citizenship**

**1403 Miss. Sushmita Dev (Silchar):**

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

(a) the total number of persons who have applied for citizenship under the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification/ Order published on 23rd October, 2018; and

(b) the details of the documents required in order to apply for citizenship under the said Order?

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### **National Institute for Physically Handicapped/Mentally Retarded**

**1404 Sh. Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy (Khammam):**

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up new National Institute for Physically Handicapped Persons in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and National Institute for Mentally Retarded Persons in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh; and

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

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### **Khalistan Movement**

**1405 Sh. M.Udhayakumar (Dindigul ):**

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

(a) whether it is true that the Khalistani Movement is gaining momentum again in Punjab during the last two to three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the murders that occurred in Punjab were part of Khalistani plot;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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### **Strengthening of Consumer Fora**

**1406 Dr. Jayakumar Jayavardhan(Chennai South) :**

**Smt. Kamla Devi Patle(Janjgir-Champa ) :**

**Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati ) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the inordinate delay in disposing of cases filed in various consumer fora across the country, if so, the reasons for the same and the time-frame for the disposal of such cases by the various fora in a time bound manner;

(b) whether the consumers in the country are not educated about the consumer rights they enjoy, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to create awareness about the consumer rights and Consumer Act especially in the rural areas

along with the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any consumer awareness programme has been undertaken in the country, particularly in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details of the activities undertaken under the said programme along with the amount of funds sanctioned for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of the steps taken for empowering/strengthening of the consumer fora as well as making a provision for online registration of complaints to ensure speedy disposal of cases; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to make amendment in the Consumer Protection Act with a view to make it more effective and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Tolerance Mechanism of Crops**

**1407 Sh. Rajendra Agrawal (Meerut):**

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

(a) whether the Government has carried out any study for understanding the tolerance mechanism of crops in drought and thermal stress environments and if so, the details thereof including the total costs of the projects; and

(b) whether the findings of the study has led to production of various weather resistant crops and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Nature Farming**

**1408 Sh. Jayadev Galla ( guntur):**

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

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is pushing hand for nature farming in the State;

(b) whether the Union Government is also aware that the Chief Minister of AP delivered Key Note Address in a UN Global Event organised by UN Environmental Programme in the month of September last year at Geneva; and

(c) the details of the efforts being made by the Union Government to push for nature farming and help States like Andhra Pradesh which are working hard to push nature farming?

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### **Jan Aushadhi Scheme**

**1409 Sh. Rajeshbhai Naranbhai Chudasama (Junagadh):**

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

(a) whether the Government is implementing Jan Aushadhi Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the number of districts in which it is being implemented in the country and the details of generic medicines made available through this scheme;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to implement this scheme throughout the country and if so, the details thereof; and

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### **Import of Foodgrains**

**1410 Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge (Gulbarga):**

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

(a) the details of foodgrains being imported and exported in the country from 2014 till date;

(b) the quantum and value of the foodgrains imported and exported by India from 2014 till date, year-wise;

(c) the import duty charged on the foodgrains imported since 2014 till date, year-wise;

(d) the quantum of foodgrains procured for the Public Distribution System (PDS) out of the imported foodgrains since 2014 till date, year-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of domestic farmers and domestic agricultural market, considering that there has been a significant increase in agricultural imports?

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### **National Electric Mobility Mission Plan**

**1411 Miss. Km. Shobha Karandlaje (Udupi Chikmagalur):**

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

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

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

(c) the details of incentives provided to manufacturers and the number of electric/hybrid vehicles benefitted as on 31 December, 2018;

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

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

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

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### **Shifting of Cultivation towards Cash Crops**

**1412 Sh. Dilip M.Patel (Anand):**

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

(a) whether farmers are shifting from cultivation of oilseeds and pulses to cotton and maize and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that this shift towards cash crops is because of lower MSPs of oilseeds and pulses in the mandis, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the plans of the Government to control this migration which may result in scarcity of oilseeds and pulses; and

(d) the details regarding rejuvenation of the National Food Security Mission and the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm?

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### **Online Consumer Mediation Centre (OCMC)**

**1413 Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi ( new Delhi):**

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

(a) the status of the Online Consumer Mediation Centre (OCMC);

(b) whether it is available and active across the country;

(c) the details of the number of cases registered under the program and the number of cases resolved so far; and

(d) whether the Government has planned to set up an independent mediation cell for online consumer dispute resolution?

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### **Terrorist and Separatist Groups**

**1414 Sh. Radheshyam Biswas (Karimganj):**

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

(a) the number and name of the terrorist/extremist and separatist groups which are indulging in the violent activities in the country;

(b) the number of insurgents killed by the security forces in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there has been any shortage of security personnel to deal with the said activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to meet this shortage?

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### **Low Agricultural Productivity**

**1415 Sh. Shivkumar Chanabasappa Udasi (Haveri):**

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

(a) whether farmers are poor due to low productivity (yield per hectare) of all major crops in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons responsible for low productivity of agriculture in the country;

(c) whether increase in agricultural productivity requires greater investment in farm inputs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase investment, both public and private, in agriculture in the country?

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### **Loss Making PSEs**

**1416 Sh. Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava (Bharuch):**

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

(a) whether many Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the Government are suffering losses of more than Rs. 18000 crores due to which loss of revenue is being caused; and

(b) the names of the PSEs running in losses with which the Government has held discussion to decrease thriftlessness and reduce unnecessary pressure on the higher officers and the outcome of the talks?

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### **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras**

**1417 Sh. Rajan Baburao Vichare (Thane):**

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

(a) the details of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) whether it's product group include more than 600 medicines and 150 surgical equipments and consumable items; and

(c) if so, the details of the medicines and surgical equipments which can be supplied from 'Kendriya Bhandar' on demand by any Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra?

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### **Benefits of Smart Cities**

**1418 Sh. Virender Kashyap (Shimla):**

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

(a) whether the people are benefited by the scheme of Smart City and if so, the details thereof including the cities in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to include more cities under the said scheme; and

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

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### **PMS for SC and OBC Students**

**1419 Sh. P.K. Kunhalikutty (Malappuram):**

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

(a) the details of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Class students;

(b) the details of students who applied for the scholarship but despite being eligible could not get the same during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is conducting any inquiry into alleged multicore scam in Post Matric Scholarships for such students;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government to check frauds in the scholarship scheme, if any?

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### **Loans to SCs**

**1420 Sh. Faizal P.P. Mohammed (Lakshadweep):**

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

(a) whether the Government has been implementing any scheme to give special impetus for providing loans to Scheduled Castes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Increase in MSP of Paddy and Other Kharif Crops**

**1421 Sh. Narendra Keshav Sawaikar, Advocate ( south Goa):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has recently increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Paddy and other Kharif crops; (b) if so, the details thereof; (c) the extent to which the Government will have to incur additional expenditure as a result of hike in MSP; and d) whether the cost is covered under the Budget provisions for food subsidy and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Education Loan to Handicapped through NHFDC**

**1422 Sh. B.V. Naik( Raichur) :**

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

(a) whether a vast majority of handicapped beneficiaries who have availed self employment and education loans at low interest rates from the National Handicapped and Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) directly or indirectly find it very

difficult to repay their loans owing to severe financial constraints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would consider full waiver of the existing balance amount in their loan accounts in the case of those beneficiaries who are dead;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

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### **Mega Food Parks**

**1423 Sh. K. C. Venugopal (Alappuzha):**

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

(a) the number of proposed Mega Food Parks which have started functioning in the country;

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned for various Mega Food Parks in the country;

(c) the current status of the proposed Mega Food Parks;

(d) whether the Government has given final approval for the Mega Food Park at Cherthala; and

(e) the quantum of funds allocated/ released for the Mega Food Park in Cherthala?

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### **Fencing on Indo Pak Border**

**1424 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan ( kheda):**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that out of the total 512 km of land border of Gujarat with hostile neighbour Pakistan, only 340 kms length has been sanctioned for fencing and out of that work on only 262.7 km has been completed;

(b) whether the remaining 262.7 km area is very sensitive and needs urgent fencing and despite the talks/ correspondence being regularly held since April, 2012 between the State Government of Gujarat and the Ministry of Home Affairs, no action has been taken to complete the remaining fencing work;

(c) whether the Government is concerned with incidents in the past of so many cases of smuggling of weapons/ contrabands as well as infiltration of antinationals;

(d) if so, the action being taken to fence the remaining border areas urgently; and

(e) the time by which the fencing of 512 km Gujarat border is likely to be completed?

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### **Security Clearances**

**1425 Smt. m.Vasanthi(Tenkasi):**



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

(a) whether the Government has given security clearance to more than 1071 proposals in 11 critical sectors like defence, telecommunications, information and broadcasting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that over 90 per cent of the FDI proposals have come through the automatic route and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has granted security go ahead to over 4,600 foreign investment proposals in the past four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the average processing time for such clearance has been reduced to 50 days from four months and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Inclusion of Rajaka Community in SC List**

**1426 Sh. Konakalla Narayana Rao (Machilipatnam):**

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

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion of Rajaka Community in the list of Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to consider the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Surakshit Khadya Abhiyan**

**1427 Smt. Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh (Kandhamal):**

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

(a) whether the Government has launched the Surakshit Khadya Abhiyan, a countrywide campaign to create mass awareness and capacity building for safe and hygienic food and if so, the details, features and the objectives thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to set up necessary infrastructure to achieve the said objectives;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated/released for the scheme; and

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### **Illegal Activities**

**1428 Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh (Surat):**

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

(a) whether several cases of criminal tendencies like looting, blackmailing etc. by misguiding the youth through friends club being run at several places in the small and

big cities of the country have come to light;

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

(c) whether incidents of women forced into illegal trade have also come to light; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb such illegal activities?

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### **Operation Green Programme**

**1429 Sh. Anil (alias Padmakar) Gulabrao Shirole(Pune) :**

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

(a) the salient features of the Operation Green Programme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this programme across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal;

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

(d) the details of the target set and achievement 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?

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### **Minimum Basic Income of Farmers**

**1430 Sh. Ladu Kishore Swain (Aska) :**

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

(a) the policy measures taken up by the Government to double farm income by 2022 and the present status of farmers' income in the country;

(b) whether the Government is considering to provide minimum basic income to farmers (as monthly income/ pension) to each farm household agricultural labourer and tenant farmers;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and spent by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare since 2014-15; and

(d) the specific policy measures taken to promote dry land/rainfed farming in the country and the allocations for the same since 2014-15?

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### **National Fellowship Scheme for SCs**

**1431 Dr. Mahesh Sharma ( gautam Buddha Nagar):**

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

(a) whether the Government has approved any proposal for revision and continuation

of National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Caste students for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20; (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any initiative for Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Land under Farming in Backward Areas**

**1432 Sh. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):**

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

(a) the total area of arable land under farming in the country especially in the Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra and other backward areas;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the total area of land that can be brought under farming, State-wise;

(d) the loss incurred due to nonfarming on such land; and (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

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### **Paisa-Portal**

**1433 Sh. Joice George (Adv.) ( idukki):**

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

(a) whether the Government has recently launched 'paisa' - Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access; (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said portal is a centralised electronic platform for quicker processing of loans under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY- NULM);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is envisioned to uplift urban poor folks by enhancing sustainable livelihood opportunities through skill development; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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### **CACP**

**1434 Smt. m.Vasanthi (Tenkasi):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has recommended that the Government should bring out a legislation which would give farmers the right to sell their produce at MSP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the hike in the minimum support price for paddy and other crops announced by the Government does not meet the criteria recommended by the Swaminathan Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Religious Conversion**

**1435 Sh. Nagarajan P. ( coimbatore ):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of individuals/families are converting from one religion to another religion across the country to save/ safeguard themselves from atrocities/ tortures by other castes/communities by sacrificing their reservation rights in education and jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to change their community/caste at the time of conversion of religion; and

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

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### **Rehabilitation of Beggars**

**1436 Sh. Alok Sanjar (Bhopal ):**

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

(a) the measures undertaken by the Government to ban beggary and for the rehabilitation of the beggars including child beggars in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any Central Scheme or enact a legislation to ban beggary and for the rehabilitation of beggars;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the said scheme or legislation is likely to be implemented/enforced in the country?

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### **Militancy in J&K**

**1437 Dr. Arun Kumar (Jahanabad):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the four militants killed by security forces at Khiram Srigufara in South Kashmir were from the outfit, Islamic State Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also true that the Islamic State Jammu and Kashmir has no organisation chord with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria;

(c) whether a number of Kashmiri Youths, albeit in small number as of now are joining

the outfit through self proclamation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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### **Guidelines for Declaring a Natural Disaster**

**1438 Smt. Savitri Thakur (Dhar ):**

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

(a) the details of the guidelines laid down for declaring a disaster as natural disaster;

(b) whether any special assistance is provided to the affected States in case of declaration of natural disaster; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Requirement of Housing Units**

**1439 Smt. Kamla Devi Patle (Janjgir-champa ):**

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

(a) whether an increase in urban population has been recorded in the country during the last two decades and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any assessment has been made regarding the required number of housing units with respect to the increase in the population of cities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to construct housing units to check the pressure of migration or has introduced/ proposes to introduce any scheme for meeting the increasing demand of new townships;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

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### **Decline in Agricultural Exports**

**1440 Sh. Dinesh Trivedi (Barrackpur ):**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that farm exports were systematically discouraged, leading to a decline in agricultural exports from \$ 43 billion in 2013-14 to \$ 33 billion in 2016- 17, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether during the same period import of lentil, chana, wheat, sugar and milk powder was allowed that led to crash in crop prices for the Indian farmers and trade surplus went down from \$ 27 billion to less than \$ 8 billion, if so, the details thereof

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## **Co-operative Group Housing Societies**

**1441 Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato (Bhandara-gondiya):**

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

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has allotted land to different Co-operative Group Housing Societies in Dwarka, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that most of the Co-operative Group Housing Societies in Dwarka, Delhi have not submitted their documents including membership list to the respective authorities;

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

(e) whether it is true that most of the Co-operative Group Housing Societies in Dwarka, Delhi have not followed rules and regulations during draw and allotment of flats to their members; and

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## **Organic and Sustainable Systems of Farming**

**1442 Mrs. Rama Devi (Sheohar):**

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

(a) whether the Government is promoting organic and sustainable systems of farming in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of work done till date in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the assistance being provided to the farmers in this regard?

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## **Functioning of Police**

**1443 Sh. Ranjanben Dhananjay Bhatt (Vadodara):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the general public/common men are not satisfied with the functioning of police and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is seriously contemplating to change the functioning of police;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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## **Shortage of Houses**

**1444 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan ( kheda):**

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

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to find out the shortage of housing especially for lower and medium income categories keeping in view the present demand and availability of houses in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has formulated any plan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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#### **PMS for OBC Students**

**1445 Dr. Banshilal Mahto ( korba):**

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

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

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

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

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

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#### **Complaints Received by NHRC**

**1446 Sh. P.K. Kunhalikutty (Malappuram):**

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

(a) the number of complaints /requests received by the National Human Rights Commission during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the number of such complaints/requests is on the rise and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the mechanism for protection of human rights?

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#### **Unauthorised Seeking of CDR**

**1447 Smt. Santosh Ahlawat (Jhunjhunu):**

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

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from telecom companies

regarding seeking of Call Detail Records (CDRs) illegally;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against the accused during the last five years, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to make any changes in the provision of getting the CDRs from telecom operators

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

(e) whether the Government has approached a U.S. based search engine for sharing its Application Programming Interface (API) for identifying child sexual abuse material on social media platforms;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government has approached Microsoft to commercially acquire a tool that aids in finding and removing known images of child exploitation and if so, the details thereof?;

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### **Warning Signs on Processed Foods**

**1448 Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse (Raver):**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a system and has asked the processed packaged food industries for carrying warning signs like those on cigarette packets on processed/packaged foods which contain many harmful and additive ingredients as the obesity among kids is on the rise across the country; and

(b) if so, the list of processed/packaged food items identified for carrying warning signs?

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### **Benefits of Farmer Welfare Schemes**

**1449 Sh. Bhairon Prasad Mishra ( banda):**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken an in-principle decision to provide benefits of farmer welfare schemes to farmers in a uniform manner on the basis of their agriculture land by decategorization of farmers as small, medium and large;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented so as to provide benefits to farmers in a uniform manner; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Greyhounds Training Hubs**

**1450 Sh. Kotha Prabhakar Reddy ( medak):**



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

(a) whether the Government has any plans to provide financial assistance for setting up new operational hubs for greyhounds in Telangana State;

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

(c) the funds allocated/spent for these operational hubs during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

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### **Pricing of Milk by Dairy Cooperatives**

**1451 Sh. Devji Mansingram Patel (Jalore):**

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

(a) whether dairy cooperatives sell milk to consumers at the rate of Rs. 50-55 though they purchase it at the rate of only Rs. 25-30 from the dairy farmers who contribute immensely in dairy market and industry in the country including Rajasthan;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to fix the minimum support price for milk to ensure remunerative prices of milk and milk products to dairy farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Minimum Wages to Women Labourers**

**1452 Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Chandni Chowk):**

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

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding minimum daily wages being paid to women labourers in agriculture sector;

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

(c) whether the Government has made efforts to ensure the payment of minimum wages to women agricultural labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent of success achieved therein?

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### **Violation of AQCS and Livestock Export Guidelines**

**1453 Sh. Mohanbhai Kalyanji Kundariya (Rajkot):**

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

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from some Public Representatives regarding violation of the provisions of AQCS (Animal Quarantine & Certification Services) and breach of guidelines of Animal Welfare Board of India in the Livestocks exports from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the complaints

received in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Fertilizer Production**

**1454 Sh. A.T. (Nana) Patil (Jalgaon ):**

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

(a) the quantum of fertilizers produced by the cooperative and public sector companies of the country during the last four years, company and year-wise;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers required for the farmers annually in the country;

(c) the extent to which the domestic production in meets the demand of fertilizers by the farmers during the said period, year-wise;

(d) the details and quantum of fertilizers imported during the said period, year-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to minimise the dependence on import?

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### **Portal on Bank Loan**

**1455 Sh. Rakesh Singh (Jabalpur):**

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

(a) whether the Government has designed a portal to provide financial assistance on bank loan for affordable housing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether people have benefited from the said portal; and (d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **KUSUM Scheme**

**1456 Sh. R. Parthipan ( theni):**

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

(a) whether the Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme is successfully progressing; (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of farmers who utilized the scheme, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any campaigns/drives about the benefits of the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Aadhaar Card for Visitors in Jails**

**1457 Sh. Jagdambika Pal ( domariyaganj):**

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

(a) whether Aadhaar card has been made mandatory Identity Document (ID) in all jails across the country and if so, the policy document/ circular/letter regarding the same;

(b) whether Aadhaar has been made a mandatory ID proof for a convict to open an account in prison and if so, the policy document/circular/letter regarding the same; and

(c) whether Aadhaar has been made compulsory to use/avail any facility inside prisons and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Incidents of Bribery in Granting Citizenship**

**1458 Sh. Ram Charitra Nishad (Machhlishahr):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many officials were involved in demanding and accepting bribes from Pakistani immigrants applying for Indian citizenship and from those extending long term visa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that many officials were arrested along with others in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Funding for Fisheries in Madhya Pradesh**

**1459 Sh. Laxmi Narayan Yadav (Sagar):**

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

(a) the funds allocated and utilized for fisheries in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of the development which took place in Madhya Pradesh in employment generation and fish production during the last three years?

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### **Storage Capacity of FCI**

**1460 Sh. Lakhan Lal Sahu ( bilaspur):**

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

(a) the status of storage of different foodgrains/food items including wheat, rice, pulses, edible oil, sugar etc. in the country;

(b) whether the Government has paid attention to the fact that a huge quantum of foodgrains get wasted every year due to lack of storage capacity of foodgrains in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make adequate arrangements for storage of foodgrains in view of shortage of storage capacity in the country;

(d) the details of such States which have more storage capacity than their requirement at present; and

(e) whether additional foodgrains storage capacity has also become a reason for crisis in some States and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

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### **Urban Development Strategy**

**1461 Dr. Jayakumar Jayavardhan (Chennai South):**

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

(a) whether developing metro rail network and housing development has been the top priority of the Government's urban development strategy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized for developing metro rail networks and housing facility during the last four years;

(d) the proportion of fund allocation for metro rail and housing projects;

e) whether the Government has any inter ministerial mechanism to avoid further delay of the scheme;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Krishi Vigyan Kendras**

**1462 Sh. Rabindra Kumar Jena (Balasore):**

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

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) that are currently in operation, State-wise;

(b) the number of KVKs under the control of the State Governments, ICAR, NGOs and agricultural universities, respectively;

(c) whether any techniques/methods have been implemented beyond the pilot/ test plot in respect of the research conducted at ICAR in the last five years;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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## Reservation Benefit under Divyang Quota

1463 **Dr. Kirit Somaiya (Mumbai-north-east):**

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

(a) whether it is true that less than 40 per cent disability disqualifies a differently abled person to get reservation benefit under divyang quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that if a person lost one of his eyes, the same is treated as 30 per cent disability and bars him/her to get the reservation benefits and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is not injustice to a person who lost one eye or who has no vision in one eye;

(e) whether the Government is likely to reconsider its guidelines and revised the 40 per cent disability condition for giving benefit to a differently abled person who has lost vision in one of his/her eyes has or no vision in one eye; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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## Linking Agriculture with MGNREGS

1464 **Sh. J.C. Divakar Reddy ( anantapur):**

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

(a) whether the Government has set up an expert committee to study the situation of linking agriculture with MGNREGS, if so, the details thereof and steps being taken in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to give one time settlement for agricultural loans also on the lines of banks and industry given so far, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give pension to farmers for their social security, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring out a national policy/ procedure to deal with loans taken by farmers to waive them off in case they suffer losses on account of crop failure or due to natural disasters like floods and drought to free farmers from debt completely and whether the policy will be implemented in all the States in consultation with NITI Aayog; and

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

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## Foreign Residency Status Scheme

1465 **Dr. K. Gopal (Nagapattinam):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that two years after it was launched by the Government, the permanent residency status scheme providing a host of facilities for foreigners who invest at least Rs. 10 crore under the Foreign Direct Investment route is yet to find a single applicant;

(b) whether it is also true that no foreigner had applied under the said scheme;

(c) whether there will be no requirement of registration with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Tax Free Urea**

**1466 Sh. K.R.P. Prabakaran (Tirunelveli):**

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to give tax free urea and fertilizers to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **FAME India Scheme**

**1467 Sh. Tejpratap Singh Yadav (Mainpuri):**

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

(a) the current status and progress in the implementation of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-II) India Scheme;

(b) the allocations made under this scheme during each of the last three years;

(c) the timeline for implementation of the FAME-II India scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure a stable policy framework and road map for sustainable development of Electric Vehicle Industry in the country?

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### **Smuggling of Various Items**

**1468 Sh. Om Birla (kota):**

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

(a) whether instances of smuggling of various items including weapons, drugs, tobacco products, etc. are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the cases reported along with the quantum of items seized during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the involvement of foreign nationals working as drug syndicate along with the Indian citizens in the smuggling has been reported;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons arrested including foreigners during the said period;

(e) whether the smuggling of illegal weapons has increased the cases of illegal possession of arms in the country;

(f) if so, the details of the cases reported during the said period, State-wise and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to check such cases of smuggling?

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### **Functioning of e-NAM**

**1469 Sh. Gaurav Gogoi(Kaliabor) :**

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

(a) the number of new e-Mandis which were integrated onto the e-NAM Mandi platform since March 31st, 2018;

(b) whether the Government has the capacity to cater to all 1.11 crore farmers that are registered on the e-NAM platform, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is on track to achieve its target of linking 2200 mandis by 2022, if so, the details of the same;

(d) the budgetary outlay of this scheme;

(e) the number of districts currently utilising e-NAM, especially the districts in Punjab;

(f) whether the Government has told all the States to start applying e-NAM to their districts, if so, the details of the same; and

(g) whether e-NAM has reduced the prices of pulses, oilseeds, etc., if so, the details thereof?

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### **Access to APMC Mandis**

**1470 Sh. A. Arunmozhithevan (Cuddalore):**

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

(a) whether it is true that often farmers of remote areas do not have sufficient access to Agricultural Produce Market Committee mandis and their potential market is local haats where their produce is sold below the minimum support price; (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that strong procurement operations need to be expanded to the neglected regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

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## **Development of Udaipur as Smart City**

**1471 Sh. Arjunlal Meena (Udaipur):**

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

(a) the budgetary allocation made for the development of Udaipur as a smart city and to promote tourism in Rajasthan, headwise;

(b) the amount utilized out of it for the development of Udaipur as a smart city; and

(c) the details of the other schemes proposed for the development of Udaipur city in Rajasthan?

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### **Schemes for Various Sections**

**1472 Sh. Nalin Kumar Kateel (Dakshina Kannada):**

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

(a) the details of the Schemes/ Programmes introduced by the Ministry to cater to the needs of various sections of people of the society including disabled persons during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds allocated and spent on the said programmes during the said period, programme, State and year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has achieved the target set under each programme; and

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

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### **Imports and Exports of Foodgrains**

**1473 Sh. Gopal Chinayya Shetty (Mumbai-north):**

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

(a) the quantum and cost of foodgrains exported by the Government during last five years along with the names of countries to which the exports have been made;

(b) the quantum and rates of foodgrains imported during the said period along with the names of the countries from where these have been imported;

(c) the foodgrains which have been imported at the rates higher than the exporting rates along with the details of losses incurred by the Government; and

(d) the reasons for this type of trade deficit?

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### **Effect of Drought on Production of Pulses**

**1474 Sh. Asaduddin Owaisi (Hyderabad):**

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



(a) whether the country faced crisis due to consecutive drought years that led to low production of pulses in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) if so, whether production and procurement of pulses have increased sharply during 2016-19;

(c) whether the Union Government has offered a discount to the States for its scheme with subsidy of Rs. 15/- per kg;

(d) if so, whether this Ministry has called a meeting of the State's representatives in this regard; and

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### **Bharat Ratna Award**

**1475 Sh. Murali Mohan Maganti (Rajahmundry):**

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

(a) the criterion for conferring 'Bharat Ratna' awards and the number of persons conferred such award in the film industry;

(b) whether the Union Government is contemplating to confer 'Bharat Ratna' award to late Shri N.T. Rama Rao popularly known as NTR, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and veteran Telugu film actor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Drinking Water**

**1476 Sh. Om Prakash Yadav (Siwan):**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the residents of DDA LIG flats, BlockGH-3, Sector-28, Rohini are not getting drinkable water through pipelines so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing potable water;

(c) the initiative taken by DDA to meet the requirement so far; and

(d) the reason for delay and the time by which the residents are likely to get drinkable water adequately through pipelines?

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### **Sugarcane Procurement**

**1477 Smt. Jayshreeben Patel (Mehsana):**

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

(a) the new rate of Fair and Remunerative Price for sugarcane procurement determined on the basis of selling price of sugar and its co-products; and

(b) whether the middlemen, agents and traders in sugar sector have been exposed, if so, the number of persons arrested in these cases and the details thereof?

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### **Reservation for SCs/OBCs**

**1478 Sh. Vishnu Dayal Ram (Palamu):**

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

(a) whether the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes/Other Backward Classes in education and jobs are lying vacant/

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill the vacant jobs; and

(d) the reasons for the prevalence of such vacancies/difficulty in getting candidates for the same?

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### **Tehbazari in NDMC**

**1479 Sh. George Baker (Nominated Anglo-indian):**

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

(a) the reasons for not disclosing the name of the applicants who have submitted their requests for transfer of allocated Tehbazari of 'M' Block under NDMC, near to IOB site Janpath, on legal heir basis;

(b) whether NOC is required from the family members (Legal heirs) of the allotted person of Tehbazari for transferring of the said area Tehbazari in the name of legal heirs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the name of the legal heirs who have submitted their NOC; and

(d) the details of the formalities required for transferring of the above area Tehbazari in the name of legal heirs?

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### **Generic Medicines**

**1480 Sh. Manoj Kumar Tiwari (North East Delhi):**

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

(a) whether the Government has given any instructions to large pharma companies regarding compulsory production of generic medicines on a large scale in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding the guidelines and its repercussions so far?

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### **Deaths of Manual Scavengers**

**1481 Sh. Ramachandran Mullappally ( vadakara):**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents of death of workers engaged in sewer cleaning;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether compensation has been given to the families of the victims and action taken against the responsible persons/officials in such cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the measures taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

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**New Delhi.**

**Dated: February 7, 2019.**

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,  
Secretary General.**