

Lok Sabha

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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 - PANCHAYATI RAJ - RURAL DEVELOPMENT - SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT and ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES].

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Doubling of Farmers' Income

*141 Shri. Kanumuru Raghu Rama Krishna Raju (Narsapuram):

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether it is a fact that the

Government is examining various ways to double the farmers' income by 2022 and if so, whether the Government has set up a panel to evolve the ways and strategy to double the farmers' income by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Panel has submitted its Report to the Government, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) the details of the recommendations made by the Panel in this regard; and

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(e) whether the Government is considering to implement the

recommendations of the panel and if so,
the details thereof?

Production of Urea

***142 Dr. Pritam Gopinath Munde(Beed) :**
Sh. Vinayak Bhaurao Raut(Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg) :

Will the **Chemical and Fertilizers** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government

proposes to reduce the import burden of urea by the financial year 2021 and if so, the scheme chalked out by the Government to make India self-reliant in the production of urea;

(b) whether the Government had initiated a new investment policy in 2015 aimed at promoting the production of urea and if so, the investment made under this policy;

(c) the extent to which the country has been made self-reliant since implementation of the new investment policy;

(d) whether the Government has budgeted around Rs. 70,079.85 crore for fertilizer subsidies for the financial year 2019; and

(e) if so, whether nearly half of the money was used to settle dues from the previous year and if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Sale of Pesticides

***143 Sh. Balak Nath (Alwar):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether incidents of sale of

pesticides with banned chemicals and herbicide-tolerant cotton seeds have been reported from different parts of the country;

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

(c) the likely impact of such pesticides and seeds on crops and health of farmers; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government thereon and to check their sale in the country?

Selling above MRP

***144 Sh. Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria (Tonk-sawai Madhopur):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that bottled water and packaged foods and drinks are being sold at higher prices than the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) thereof at public places like railway stations, airports, hotels and multiplexes in the country; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Rise in Cancer Cases

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

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government is aware that there has been an exponential rise in cancer cases in Punjab due to excessive fertilizer use leading to its patients travelling to Bikaner by an Indian Railways train

which is commonly referred to as ‘Cancer Train’;

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

(c) whether the Union Government has held discussion with the State Government to tackle the issue and if so, the details of any policy intervention;

(d) whether the Government proposes to reduce the fertilizer subsidy or invest in research which could nurture safer alternatives; and

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

Training to Fishermen

***146 Sh. Rajendra Dhedya Gavit (Palghar):**

Will the **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has set up any training institute to provide training or make fishermen aware of the issues related to safety and maritime boundary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up such a training institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana

***147 Sh. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre(Dhule) :
Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit(Nandurbar) :**

Will the **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has implemented Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) to facilitate transport

facilities in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the number of States which have implemented AGEY as on date;

(b) whether the Union Government has taken steps to implement the schemes in all the States/UTs which will facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated/utilized since the inception of the Yojana and the main rural transport vehicle that is being provided under the said Yojana; (d) whether any special provision has been made for women under the said Yojana and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up and develop transport facilities in rural areas for betterment of rural people?

Dues Owed to Sugarcane Farmers

***148 Shri. Ritesh Pandey (ambedkar Nagar):**

Will the **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state that (a) the details of dues owed to sugarcane farmers by sugarcane mills, Statewise;

(b) the measures taken and proposed to be taken to relieve sugarcane farmers of financial distress due to unpaid dues;

(c) the measures sought by the Ministry to hold accountable the defaulters of dues owed to sugarcane farmers; and

(d) the measures taken and planned to diversify sugarcane farming away from sugar production and into other sugarbased production?

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

***149 Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki (Ahmedabad West):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) the data of the claims paid under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to farmers during the current year and the previous year, State/UT-wise; (b) whether there has been any delay in the payment of claims under this scheme; and (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Infiltration of Illegal Immigrants

***150 Sh. Kapil Moreshwar Patil (Bhiwandi):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that (a) whether infiltration of illegal immigrants including extremists from neighbouring countries is increasing in the country inspite of various measures taken by the Government; (b) if so, whether the Government has any estimation of the exact number of such intruders; (c) if so, the details thereof; (d) whether the said illegal immigrants are causing many social and economic problems in the country especially in West Bengal; and (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to deal with this situation?

Training to Farmers

***151 Sh. Kirti Vardhan Singh (Gonda):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has

provided training to farmers for scientific methods of agriculture; and
(b) if so, whether farmers have been provided information in this regard, if so, the details of the districts in which the programme is being implemented, Statewise?

Demand for Quality Seeds

***152 Sh. Bheemrao Baswanthrao Patil (Zahirabad):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether demand for quality seeds has been increasing in the country and if so, the details of demand for quality seeds during the last three years and the current year; and
(b) the manner in which the requirement of seeds during natural calamities like flood, drought, etc., is proposed to be met and the details of seeds reserved in the National Seed Reserve?

Funds Utilization for District Plan

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

Will the **PANCHAYATI RAJ** be pleased to state that (a) whether some Panchayats in the country have expressed their inability to utilize funds earmarked for them due to non-availability of district plans (b) if so, the details thereof; (c) whether the Government has issued any instructions to the Panchayats in this regard; (d) if so, the details thereof; and (e) the mechanism developed within the Panchayati Raj Institutions to prepare

district plans and to monitor the works executed by Gram Panchayats?

Rehabilitation of Fishermen

***154 Shri. K. Muraleedharan(Vadakara) :**
Sh. Shashi Tharoor(Thiruvananthapuram) :

Will the **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has any proposal for rehabilitation/assistance of fishermen communities affected by cyclones/sea erosion in various States; (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; (c) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for release of funds from Union Government for rehabilitation of fishermen; and (d) the steps being taken by the Union Government for construction of sea wall to protect fishermen from cyclones?

Assistance to Women Farmers

***155 Sh. Sunil Dattatray Tatkar(Raigad) :**
Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati) :

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has started any schemes to provide facilities to the women farmers for the development of the agriculture sector in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year; (b) the number of women farmers who

have been trained in agriculture related fields under various Central schemes during the above period;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the share of women in the production of main crops in the country is 75 per cent;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in doubling the wages of the women working in the agriculture sector or providing assistance for doubling the income of the women working as self employed farmers; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to release more funds for development of women farmers so that they could meet their specific needs and achieve socio-economic and technical empowerment?

Reservation for Differently Abled Persons

***156 Sh. Feroze Varun Gandhi (Pilibhit):**

Will the **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT** be pleased to state that (a) whether as per the Persons with Disabilities (PwD) (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the Government is mandated to reserve 3 per cent vacancies in public employment for people with disabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the State-wise distribution in this regard during the last four years; and

(c) the details, including the financial, timeline adopted, sharing of burden, land acquisition, among other things for the recently announced Olympic Stadium and

Composite Regional Centre for People
with Disabilities in Meghalaya?

Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations

***157 Sh. Hemant Tukaram Godse (Nashik):**

Will the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to attract young farmers including women towards the formation and promotion of the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to carry out agribusiness in the country; (b) if so, the details thereof along with the monetary support provided to the States for the promotion of FPOs during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; (c) whether any assistance/support has been provided to FPOs by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through Krishi Vigyan Kendras in various districts of the country; and (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen agriculture-based livelihood through FPOs in the country?)

Harassment of Women on Social Media

***158 Sh. Gajanan Chandrakant Kirtikar (Mumbai-north-west):**

Will the **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state that (a) whether cases of sexual harassment and blackmailing of women after befriending them on social media are increasing in the country; (b) if so, the details thereof and the

number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year;
(c) whether the police/authorities are not able to tackle such cases properly due to weak cyber laws in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government proposes to bring stringent cyber laws to tackle such problems effectively; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Quota for Differently Abled Persons

***159 Sh. Bhartruhari Mahtab (Cuttack):**

Will the **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Union and the State Governments to implement three per cent quota for persons with disabilities in all Government departments, PSUs and Government companies in the recent past;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Union and the State Governments thereto;
(c) whether cases of violation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and (e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Fund Allocation to Gram Panchayats

***160 Sh. Nama Nageswara Rao (Khammam):**

Will the **PANCHAYATI RAJ** be pleased to state that (a) whether the Government has any criteria for allocation of funds to Gram Panchayats in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise particularly in Telangana; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI.

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**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,
Secretary General.**