

Lok Sabha

(Tuesday, July 23, 2019/Shravana 1, 1941 (Saka))

23 JULY, 2019

[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].

Total No. of Questions - 20

Criteria for Padma Awards

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

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

- (a) the eligibility criteria laid down for conferring Padma Awards;
- (b) whether a person who is not an Indian Citizen is eligible to get a Padma Award and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of all the foreign citizens who have been conferred this award?

Increasing Productivity of Dairy Animals

***422 Sh. Achyutananda Samanta (Kandhamal):**

Will the **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes any scheme to increase productivity of dairy animals, as India has the highest number of dairy cows in the world but has a low average annual milk yield of cattle (1172 kg per cow), which is only

about 50 per cent of the global average and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes a Union Government-sponsored Cattle Insurance Scheme for the benefit of cattle rearers who are forced to pay high premiums to private insurance companies at present; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the time by which this is likely to be achieved?

Support to Women Farmers under MKSP

***423 Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma(Andaman and Nicobar Islands) :**

RURAL DEVELOPMENT :-

(a) the details of programmes undertaken to support women farmers under the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) in the country;

(b) the salient features of the MKSP along with its present status and the quantum of funds allocated under the said scheme;

(c) the details of the targets set and achievements made thereunder so far;

(d) whether the Government has failed to create awareness among women regarding the Pariyojana; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to create proper awareness regarding the Pariyojana so that women farmers could be benefited and if so, the details thereof?

Gap in Demand and Supply of Fertilizers

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

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

(a) whether there is a huge time gap between demand and actual supply of fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of demand and supply of fertilizers during the year 2018- 19 along with the estimated quantum of demand and supply for the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the quantum of fertilizers supplied to the States is not adequate to meet the requirements and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Issuance of SC and OBC Certificates

***425 Sh. Praveen Kumar Nishad (Sant Kabir Nagar):**

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

(a) the criteria set by the Government for issuance of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) certificates in Delhi-NCR;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a provision/criteria for issuance of SC and OBC certificates only to those people who had started residing in Delhi before 1993 and have the proof of it and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy for issue of Caste certificate to those people who settled in Delhi or are born in Delhi after 1993;

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

(e) whether the children born after 1993 or their guardians residing in Delhi after 1993 have any right to avail facilities entitled to the SCs and OBCs and if so, the details thereof?

Investment in Food Processing Industry

***426 Shri. Hemant Patil (Hingoli):**

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

(a) the details of the measures taken by the Government to promote investment in food processing industry since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the details of the funds and resources allocated for promoting food processing industry, State and year-wise since 2014;

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve and augment the cold storage facilities in the country, State and year-wise since 2014;

(d) the details of additions to the capacity of cold storage between 2014-2018,

State-wise; and

(e) the details of the major challenges faced by the food processing industry and the steps taken to ease these constraints, State and year-wise since 2014?

Protection to Witness

***427 Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar (Dindori):**

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

(a) the number of complaints related to harassment and threatening of witnesses and forcing them to turn hostile received in the country;

(b) whether the Government does not provide security to the witnesses due to which several witnesses have been killed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the witnesses are unable to give true statement under an atmosphere of fear as they are not given security and the criminals go unpunished; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Allocation under Public Distribution System

***428 Shri. Prataprao Jadhav (Buldhana):**

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

(a) the details of the total demand received so far from each State Government for the supply of wheat, rice, sugar, foodgrains and kerosene under Public Distribution System (PDS) during the current year along with the allocation made for each State, month-wise;

(b) whether the said demands have been fully met; and

(c) the quantum actually collected/ lifted by each State Government each month during the said period?

Infrastructure of Fishing Ports

***429 Sh. G.Selvam (kancheepuram):**

Will the **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the action taken so far by the Government to improve the infrastructure of various fishing ports in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government has carried out any survey to identify fishing ports which lack infrastructure and other facilities, especially in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States for survey of fishing ports in certain coastal States; and

(d) if so, the details of proposals submitted for establishment of new fishing ports during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Minimum Support Price to Tea Growers

***430 Shri. Dr. Mohammad jawed (Kishanganj):**

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

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the tea growers of Bihar, particularly in Kishanganj district and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for Purnea and Kishanganj districts of Bihar in particular; and

(c) whether the Government has any plan to revive Government tea factory in Bihar to support small tea growers and stop their exploitation by private tea factories?

Outstanding Dues to Sugarcane Farmers

***431 Shri. Deepak Baij (Bastar):**

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

(a) the amount of dues of sugarcane farmers outstanding against sugar mills during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise;

(b) whether sugar mills are not clearing the dues of sugarcane farmers year-by-year and as a result the outstanding amount is continuously increasing; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in view of the non-payment of price/dues by sugar mills to the sugarcane farmers on time and the outcome thereof?

Drug Addiction among Adolescents

***432 Shri. T.N. Prathapan (Thrissur):**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to deal with the crisis of drug addiction among adolescents and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government would allocate fund to each State for establishment of rehabilitation centres for the victims of drug abuse and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to initiate a national level campaign against this social evil and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the current status and impact of laws prevailing in the country that prevent the use of drugs by minors; and

(e) whether the Government is likely to introduce measures to monitor the selling and buying of medicinal drugs which have been used for illegal purposes through medical shops and pharmacies and if so, the details thereof?

Financial Assistance in FPI

***433 Miss. Annpurna Devi(Kodarma) :**

FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES :-

(a) whether the assistance for food processing industries and setting up/ expansion of cold storage is badly delayed due to corruption;

- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the proposals received for the assistance for setting up/expansion of food processing industry/cold storage during the last three years;
- (d) the number of proposals out of these for which assistance has been provided within six months and the details of the assistance provided to them; and
- (e) the number of cases in which the action has been taken after six months during the said period?

New Food Processing Centres

***434 Kum Agatha K. Sangma (tura):**

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

- (a) the total number of newly established domestic/indigenous food processing industries in the country;
- (b) the total number of food processing industries in the country at present, State/UT-wise including Punjab and Chandigarh;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up any new food processing units/centres in Punjab, Chandigarh and the North-Eastern States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin

***435 Smt. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo(Bolangir) :**

RURAL DEVELOPMENT :-

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments for construction of houses by relaxing the Permanent Wait List norms under the Pradhan Mantri Awas YojanaGramin (PMAY-G) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken on such proposals, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received requests from the State

Governments to provide funds under the said scheme in 90:10 proportion instead of 60:40 during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken on such requests, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Radiation Processing Technology

***436 Sh. Girish Bhalchandra Bapat(Pune) :**

FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES :-

(a) whether the Government proposes to adopt radiation processing technology developed by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for preservation and conservation of fruits and vegetables including onions, potatoes and tomatoes to address the issue of supply side shortage that often results in price rise and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any study regarding safety concerns related to the radiation processing technology and if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the places identified for setting up of radiation processing plants in the country including Maharashtra;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the time by which these radiation plants are likely to be set up?

Delimitation Exercise

***437 Sh. Ajay Misra (Kheri):**

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

(a) whether there are a total of 111 seats in Jammu and Kashmir assembly but assembly elections are held for only 87 seats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether according to section 47 of the State Constitution, 24 seats have been left vacant for Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether as a result of 24 vacant seats and delimitation exercise not undertaken for the past 25 years, popular Government is not being formed as per the wishes of the majority of the people of the State and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to undertake delimitation exercise by lifting the ban on delimitation imposed by the State Government before the ensuing assembly elections; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Marine and Aquaculture Products

***438 Shri. Balashowry Vallabbhaneni (Machilipatnam):**

Will the **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the production and export of marine and aquaculture products in the country during the last five years and the current year, year and State-wise;

(b) whether it is true that the Government has approved Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FAIDF);

(c) if so, the aims and objectives of the Fund;

(d) the extent to which the Fund has helped/will help in creating critical infrastructure, technology infusion, marketing, etc. in major marine and aquaculture producing States like Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the estimated number of employment opportunities which would be created through utilisation of this Fund, State-wise along with the extent to which FAIDF would help in Blue Revolution?

Vidyashree Residential Schools

***439 Sh. Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadiya(Amreli) :**

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT :-

(a) the number of places where “Vidyashree” residential schools for Scheduled Caste girls are being operated by the Government;

(b) whether any fund has been allocated by the Government for effective implementation of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has introduced any monitoring mechanism in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proportional Increase in Reservation

***440 Sh. M. Selvaraj (Nagapattinam):**

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

(a) whether the Government would consider implementing proportional increase in reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) consequent upon 10 per cent reservation made for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is likely to bring out a Constitutional Amendment Bill to this effect;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;

Dated: July 17, 2019 .

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,

Secretary General.