

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Sunday, September 20, 2020/Bhadrapada 29, 1942 (Saka)

(Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Rural Development; Social Justice and Empowerment)

(कृषि और किसान कल्याण; रसायन और उर्वरक; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी; खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग; भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम; गृह; पंचायती राज; ग्रामीण विकास; सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 230

Carcinogenic Pesticides

1381. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any studies to ascertain the link between chemical pesticides and cancer;

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

(c) the details of those chemical pesticides that have proved to be carcinogenic;

(d) whether the Government has placed any restrictions on the use of such carcinogenic pesticides; and

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

Automobile Sales

1382. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of automobile sales in the country during the last three years and the current year, month-wise;

(b) the value of automobile sales in the country, month-wise since 2017 to the present day;

(c) the number of automobile manufacturing units that have closed down during the said period, State-wise including Assam;

(d) the number of units in the automobile supply chain (including ancillary units) that have closed down since 2017 to the present day, State-wise including Assam?

Activities in MGNREGS

†1383. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the works which can be executed through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the estimated amount for this work;

(d) the details of the targets fixed in this regard; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be started?

Promotion of Aquaculture

1384. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to promote aquaculture in the country;

(b) whether there are any plans to develop clusters for better development of aquaculture in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Slump in Auto Industry

1385. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:
SHRI BALUBHAU *ALLAS* SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether millions of jobs were lost in the automobile sector of the country due to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide jobs for these employees?

Increase in BPL Families

†1386. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holders has increased in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the increase in the number of BPL families, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any request from the State Governments to increase the number of BPL families; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Foreign Aid to Kerala

1387. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal seeking permission from the Union Government to accept foreign Aid from United Arab Emirates Based Red Crescent for LIFE MISSION housing project in Kerala; and

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

Missing Children

†1388. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the data regarding the currently missing children in the country;

(b) the number of cases registered at police stations for missing children during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of children handed over to their parents after tracing them and the number of cases undertrial in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to trace out the remaining missing children?

Crime against Women and Children

1389. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that crime against women and children are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of crimes reported by National Crime Records Bureau against women and children during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure that the accused are prosecuted properly and the guilty persons are penalised for the crimes committed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

1390. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA

KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government is drawn to the matter of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana launched as a part of its move to increase the income of farmers;

(b) if so, the reasons for opting out of the scheme by State after State;

(c) whether it is true that States are losing confidence in the banks since they charge high premium and if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Government to increase the confidence of the farmers in the scheme?

Losses Suffered by Farmers due to Lockdown

†1391. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any provision or is contemplating on forming one to compensate the losses borne by the farmers due to the Coronavirus Pandemic Lockdown as their produce have suffered severe losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

CSR Funds

†1392. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds to Madhya Pradesh under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) through the Ministry of Heavy Industries during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of aspirational districts of Madhya Pradesh along with the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to monitor the expenditure of the said funds by the Ministry of Heavy Industries?

Social Security Schemes for Differently Abled, Widows and Orphans

†1393. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain that social security schemes being implemented in the country for disabled persons, widows, orphans etc. are being implemented in letter and spirit during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement these schemes in letter and spirit?

Farmers Distress

1394. SHRI D.K.SURESH:
DR.MOHAMMAD JAWED:
SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the farmers are in big distress due to the situation developed after the lockdown in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is aware that the farmers are not able to sell the products and not able to find an income even for loan repayment and if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

Functioning of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)

1395. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:
DR.SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in many districts across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the number of farmers and other persons engaged in agricultural activities who benefit from the KVKs on a regular basis;

(c) the details of the budget allocated for the operation of KVKs, and the expenditure incurred thereto;

(d) whether the Government intends to set up a Krishi Vigyan Kendra at the block level in all blocks, and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of any other steps undertaken by the Government to enhance the access to scientific agricultural practices for farmers?

Rural Houses in Durg

†1396. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses targeted to be built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during the next three years in Durg Parliamentary Constituency in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) the names of villages selected for construction of houses in Durg Parliamentary Constituency and the phases fixed by the Government the said work along with the details thereof?

Records of Loan Waivers

1397. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a record of all the farm loan waivers announced and released to beneficiaries during each of the last six years;

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

(c) whether the outstanding loan amount in the farm sector in the loan books of Public Sector and Co-operative banks have reduced year-on-year during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

National Land Reform Policy 2013

1398. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by the Ministry to finalise the draft National Land Reforms Policy, 2013; and

(b) the efforts being made by the Ministry to develop a right to homestead law/pass the draft National Right to Homestead Bill, 2013, aimed at reducing landlessness and poverty in the country?

Increase in Price of Moong and Urad

1399. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that in April, 2020, the retail prices of Moong and Urad increased by 25% and 11% compared to their five-year monthly average prices;

(b) if so, whether this surge in price is directly related to restrictions of import of only 1.5 tons of Moong shipped from Myanmar during stringent lockdown measures; and

(c) whether the Government envisages price support scheme and/or price stabilisation fund to control the prices of pulses, in view of COVID-19 pandemic and recent policy changes namely the removal of pulses from the essential commodities bracket and market reforms related to barrier-free trade outside the notified Agricultural Produce Market Committee yards that are already adding to the volatile pulses market and if so, the details thereof?

Beneficiaries under National Food Security Scheme

†1400. SHRI BALAK NATH:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under the National Food Security Scheme in the country including Alwar and Sikar, districts of Rajasthan and other districts during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government has set any target under the National Food Security Scheme or proposes to set any target in future; and

(c) if so, the details of funds allocated under the National Food Security Scheme in the country since 1st January, 2020 till date, State-wise?

Creamy Layer Issue

1401. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH

DEO:

DR.SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee has been constituted by the Government to examine the issues related to Creamy layer equivalence among the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs);

(b) the details of recommendations made by the committee and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government is planning to review the criteria of creamy layer for Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(d) if so, whether the Government has set up a Group of Ministers (GoM) in this regard;

(e) if so, the details of recommendations made by the GoM and the action taken thereon; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to rationalise the creamy layer criteria for OBCs?

Employment in Rural Areas

†1402. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any scheme to provide jobs at panchayat level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons provided jobs under the Poor Welfare Employment campaign so far during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

(d) the length (in Kilometres) of roads constructed so far under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana last year along with the details thereof, State-wise?

Delays in PMFBY

1403. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are delays in release of claims to farmers under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), if so the details and reasons thereof;

(b) whether there are instances where insurance companies have unduly benefited from the scheme by having a monopoly in a district and going slow on issuing insurance during a drought year, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of reforms taken to improve the scheme?

Extension of PM-KISAN Scheme

1404. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure benefits of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme to tenant farmers and women farmers without any land holdings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Detention under Public Safety Act

1405. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of political leaders detained under the Public Safety Act in Jammu and Kashmir since August 5, 2019 and the period of detention;

(b) the details of the detainees yet to be released;

(c) whether the Government proposes to restore 4G services in Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if so, the timeline for restoration of 4G services;

(e) whether the Government has examined the impact of restriction of 4G services on the provisioning of essential services and online education during the COVID-19 pandemic in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Availability of Urea

†1406. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate quantity of urea is available in the country at present and the farmers are getting urea and other fertilizers in adequate quantity;

(b) if so, the details thereof including in Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether Neem Coated Urea has been most effective in checking the blackmarketing of urea and is one of the reasons for sufficient availability of urea and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum and price of urea prevented from blackmarketing by Neem coating of urea?

Organic Farming

†1407. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to promote organic farming and to discourage use of chemical fertilizers in farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the total area in which organic farming is being done in the country, State-wise including Haryana; and

(d) the number of farmers undertaking organic farming and the details thereof?

e-Gram Swaraj Portal

1408. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched e-Gram Swaraj Portal to know about the progress in Panchayat Raj Institutions across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Minimum Support Price Policy

†1409. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH

CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy and norms for fixing Minimum Support Price;

(b) the details of the crops included under Minimum Support Price by the Government in the country including Uttarakhnad during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has decided to constitute a special Committee in order to deliberate on better and effective assessment of Minimum Support Price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revival of Newsprint Industries

1410. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that several News Print Industries including Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL) under Public Sector in Kerala have become sick/under liquidation;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with their names, concerned States and number of employees in each industry, industry-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received representations for revival of these industries, if so, the steps taken by the Government for revival of these industries with specific reference to HNL, Kerala;

(d) whether there is any proposal from the State Government of Kerala to take over HNL and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the initiatives being taken by the Government for revival of HNL, Kerala which was a former 'Navratna' company with more than 1,500 employees denied wages for the last 24 months?

Fish Cryobanks

1411. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish fish cryobanks in various parts of the country and abroad; and

(b) if so, the details of the same including the program of action, if any, envisaged for the same?

Status of Tamil Language

1412. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eighth schedule of the Indian Constitution recognises Tamil language as one of the scheduled languages and the Government of India has also awarded the distinction of classical language to Tamil which has a rich heritage and independent nature, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the Official Languages Act-1963 to include the ancient and classical language of Tamil as one of the official language of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Food Processing Unit in Sandila

†1413. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to set up a Food Processing Unit in Sandila, which is also an industrial area, to promote the production of world famous laddos in Misrikh Parliamentary area under Sandila of Uttar Pradesh keeping in view the policy of promoting local manufacturing by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from public representatives and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken so far or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Welfare and Rehabilitation of Differently Abled Persons

1414. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Schemes/Projects being implemented for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities/physically and mentally challenged persons in the country especially in Tripura, Tamil Nadu and Haharastiry;

(b) whether the Government has been successful in implementing schemes for the welfare of persons with disabilities/physically and mentally challenged persons;

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

(d) whether the Government has constituted a Committee to review the existing National Policy for Persons with Disabilities to bring it in consonance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and if so, the details of the recommendation of the committee;

(e) the action taken by the Government on the said recommendations; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to provide special assistance in order to reduce the problems being faced by this section of the society?

Living Standard of Poor People

1415. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government to improve the living standards of the poor in the country; and

(b) the extent of success achieved in this regard?

Sale of Drugs at Higher Price

†1416. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding pharma companies which are selling medicines at prices higher than the price fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);

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

(c) whether the NPPA has taken any action or issued notices against such companies; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Police Personnel Infected with COVID-19

1417. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of police personnel infected with COVID-19 while on duty and the number of such personnel who lost their lives, State-wise;

(b) whether the Central/State Governments have provided compensation to the victim's family; and

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

Fencing on Indo-Bangladesh Border

1418. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length in kilometres of fencing of Indo - Bangladesh border which has been completed so far, State-wise;

(b) the length in kilometres of the border yet to be fenced along with the target time for completion;

(c) the details of patrolling status in the riverine border;

(d) whether there are floodlights along the riverine section of the borders;

(e) the number of illegal migrants who have crossed over to India during the last five years; and

(f) the number of such persons arrested by BSF during the said period, State-wise?

Capacity Building and Training of Farmers

1419. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/programmes that aim at capacity building and training for farmers in agriculture and allied activities in the country, as on date;

(b) whether there is any provision for such training interventions to be conducted online and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of beneficiaries of such training intervention, both online and offline, State-wise; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries of such training interventions, both online and offline for Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts of Jharkhand?

Storage for Agricultural Products

1420. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that farmers in the country are facing difficulties caused by lack of proper storage facilities for agricultural products;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to solve this issue;

(c) the details of Government established storage facilities for agricultural products across the country, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan to build new storage facilities in this financial year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the fund allocation for this?

CRPF Raising Day

1421. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has observed the 82nd CRPF Raising Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes organized by the Government on this occasion;

(c) the contribution and achievements made by CRPF in respect of internal security since its inception;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enhance the strength of CRPF in view of huge workload and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to overhaul and strengthen Central Reserve Police Force and turn it into a world class counter-insurgency force

in order to keep pace with the dynamic nature of insurgency and terror situations, if so, the details thereof and the success achieved in this regard; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the welfare of CRPF personnel as well as their families?

Pesticides Management Bill

1422. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to extend the definition to include insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, acaricides under Pesticides Management Bill, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether this statute is applicable to pesticides in healthcare use and household use and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to incorporate a needs and alternatives assessment into the regulatory regime where pesticides are to be registered only when alternatives are unavailable; and

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

National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.

1423. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR.AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) came into being in the country and the number of its branches at present, State and location-wise along with the objective of setting up the Federation and its achievement since its inception;

(b) whether the Government has made any study on the performance of NAFED, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken to overcome the shortcomings, if any;

(c) whether NAFED has been able to overcome the financial losses incurred during the last several years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether NAFED has procured pulses and oilseeds from different States;

(e) if so, the total quantum of pulses and oilseeds procured under the Price Support Scheme by NAFED

during each of the last three years and the current year and the number of farmers benefitted in the State of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to make NAFED a profitable organization and also bring in qualitative improvement in its working?

Ammonium Nitrate Reserves

1424. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of recent massive explosion of Ammonium Nitrate in Beirut, the Government has taken stocks of Ammonium Nitrate reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken to safeguard the reserves;

(c) whether there were news reports that large quantity of Ammonium Nitrate has been transported from Tamil Nadu port to Hyderabad city recently;

(d) if so, whether it is safe to keep large quantity of reserves in densely populated cities; and

(e) the details of the protocol for the storage of Ammonium Nitrate reserves in major cities?

Threat of Drone Attacks

1425. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

DR.SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines in the light of the possibilities of drones being used as weapon of attack on high security installations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the increased sale of Chinese made drones in the Indian Market;

(d) whether there is any regulatory agency in this area that observes the usage of drones in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Vulnerability Analysis of Coastal Areas

1426. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI

THANGAPANDIAN;

SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had carried out vulnerability/gap analysis in consultation with Coast Guard to firm up the additional requirements for Phase-II and III of the Coastal Security Scheme in the coastal States/UTs, particularly Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and construction of Coastal Police Stations, purchase of high speed fibre boats, hovercrafts and water-bikes under the Coastal Security Scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to solve the security and safety problems faced by Indian Fishermen in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu?

Involvement of NGOs in Religious Conversion

†1427. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in the country are involved in religious conversion;

(b) if so, whether these organisations are financed from abroad;

(c) if so, whether the Government is taking any steps to check it; and

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

Crop Loss due to Floods in Uttar Pradesh

†1428. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names and numbers of various districts of Uttar Pradesh which have suffered loss of crops due to floods this year;

(b) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the farmers of these districts;

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

(d) whether any assessment has been made as to the kinds of crops damaged along with the quantum of loss incurred on the said crops;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to compensate this loss and to provide economic assistance and fertilizers, seeds etc. to the farmers for the plantation of the next crop?

Agricultural Colleges

†1429. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of agriculture colleges in the country is less than that of engineering and medical colleges of the country;

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

(c) the details of the agriculture colleges set up and likely to be set up in the next year in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States including Uttar Pradesh for setting up agriculture universities/colleges;

(e) if so, the number of such proposals received during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

FPIs in Bihar

1430. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to develop Bihar as Food Processing Hub and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) functioning in Bihar and the number of employees working therein, district-wise;

(c) the details of the total FPIs which have received technical assistance from the Government during the last four years and the current financial year, district-wise;

(d) the quantum of funds allocated and the amount sanctioned to FPIs as on date; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of FPIs in Bihar, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pharma Companies

†1431. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been assessed from Indian Pharma Companies that there is no shortage of medicines in the country;

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

(c) whether any plan has been formulated to tackle the environmental challenges likely to be faced by the pharma industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of GKRA

1432. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether skill based mapping has been done for the selected districts under the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan (GKRA);

(b) if so, the details regarding the number of workers available for each of the 25 activities designated under the scheme, district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the composition of the district and State level committees apart from the chairman under the scheme;

(e) the details of the number of jobs in each of the 25 activities designated under the scheme in the 116 selected districts, district-wise;

(f) the details of the number of jobs provided so far under the scheme, district-wise; and

(g) whether training has been conducted for migrant workers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial and Technical Assistance to Dairy Farmers

†1433. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run by the Government to provide financial and technical assistance to the farmers in animal husbandry to increase milk production in the country; and

(b) the number of farmers who have benefited from these schemes in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years and the details thereof?

Fake Methanol-based Hand Sanitisers

1434. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a warning against fake methanol-based hand sanitisers flooding the market from the CBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government after receiving the report of CBI along with the source from which CBI received relevant inputs; and

(d) whether the Interpol has issued alert that they had found instances in some countries where cases of use of methanol in spurious hand sanitisers have been reported and if so, the details thereof?

Grant of Indian Citizenship

1435. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government grants citizenship to people from different country every year;

(b) if so, the number of persons who have applied for Indian citizenship during the last five years along with the number of Indian citizenship granted during the said period, year-wise, country-wise and religion-wise; and

(c) the details of the current conditions and formalities for non-Indians to get Indian citizenship?

SVEP Beneficiaries

1436. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

MS.PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) along with the details of beneficiaries/villages benefitted under the programme, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to combat the setbacks to this programme due to COVID-19 situation;

(c) the revenue generated under the said programme during the last financial year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any data with regard to the work done by the Self Help Groups (SHGs) during COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Income in Rural Areas

1437. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the average income of the people in the rural areas in various parts of the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether steps are being taken by the Government to raise the level of income in the rural and remote areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Supreme Court's Judgement on Promotions

1438. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Supreme Court's Judgement on not having reservation as Fundamental rights for Promotions and associated challenges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to address the issue - file review petition or come up with legislations to mitigate the issues; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for MGNREGS

1439. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays generated under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) from 01.04.2020 to 31.08.2020, State-wise along with the comparative figures of the previous three years;

(b) whether the Ministry feels that the allocation of Rs. 61,000 crores is sufficient for MGNREGS this year;

(c) if not, whether it has approached the Finance Ministry for additional funds; and

(d) if so, the response of the Finance Ministry thereto?

Internet Blockade in Kashmir

1440. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which the Government has not yet completely lifted the internet blockade in Kashmir;

(b) the date by which the Government intends to restore unrestricted access to the internet in Kashmir considering the Supreme Court's ruling that an indefinite suspension of internet services is not permissible;

(c) the details of restrictions imposed on internet access in Kashmir, including a list of whitelisted sites, types of internet connectivity that have been restored, areas where access has and has not been allowed and internet speed restrictions; and

(d) the estimated economic loss caused by the internet blockade since it was imposed and the impact on services like healthcare, education as well as access to justice for concerned domiciles?

Venture Capital Fund for SCs

1441. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many of the Scheduled Caste (SC) entrepreneurs have not availed Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes due to less awareness, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(b) the details of challenges being encountered in the utilization of Venture Capital Fund and the measures being taken to address the same, State-wise especially Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;

(c) the number of projects assisted under the Scheme of Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (SCs) during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the asset management companies involved in this initiative along with the details of revenue and/or profits generated under this initiative?

Implementation of MGNREGS

1442. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised during the last two years and the current year under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), State-wise including Bihar;

(b) the number of migrant workers/people registered under the scheme, State-wise including Bihar in the current year including Kishanganj Parliamentary Constituency;

(c) whether the Government is planning to expand the scope and coverage of the scheme and increase the amount provided presently and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has made any provision for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring fo Terror Outfits

1443. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of any increase in the presence of ISIS/Daesh, IS Khorasan, Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also aware of the United Nations report titled, 'The 26th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team concerning ISIS, Al-Qaeda and associated individuals and entities' stating that there are "significant numbers" of ISIS terrorists in Kerala and Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken upon the acknowledgement of the report by the Government;

(e) whether the Government has sought academic or strategic opinion on the matter with reference to the regional specific character of such increase reported by an international agency; and,

(f) if so, the details thereof?

House Constructed under PMAY-G

1444. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) in Gujarat State;

(b) the details of houses constructed under PMAY-G from 2014-2019, State-wise;

(c) whether the target of 60 lakh houses announced in the budget 2019-2020 has been achieved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Strengthening of MGNREGS

1445. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) by providing job cards to the migrant workers who have returned to their villages during the COVID-19 lockdown period, increasing funds allocated to the scheme and expanding the scope of the work as the target for providing free foodgrains to the migrant workers has not been successful;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MSP for Cotton

1446. DR. MUNJPARA MAHENDRABHAI
KALUBHAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided that the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) can consider the declaration of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Organic Cotton and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any decision/steps in this regard; and

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

Financial Assistance to Underprivileged Sections

1447. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for subsidy on loans given to underprivileged sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding the financial assistance provided to underprivileged sections under Priority Sector Lending during the last five years?

Sugar and Foodgrains Stock

1448. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI T SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued notification to State Governments in India to keep the sugar and other foodgrains stock holding to 17 per cent of total production;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any request from Tamil Nadu to provide exemption for Tamil Nadu in this regard; and

(d) if so, the Government's stand in this regard?

Improving Animal Health Services

1449. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that farmers are facing difficulties due to lack of adequate breeding and preventive care services to improve animal health and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has put in place any effective mechanism to provide adequate knowledge to farmers about the breeding and preventive care services to improve animal health and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to create awareness among the farmers about quality of milk or value-added products so as to enter the export market and if so, the details thereof?

New Urea Plants

1450. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to commission five new urea plants by 2023 under Atmanirbhar Bharat or self-reliance initiative to reduce the dependence on Chinese imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made and production capacity increased/to be increased in future as well as the action plan prepared/implemented so far, State-wise?

Prohibition of Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation

1451. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget provision made/allocated/ utilised for the implementation of prohibition of manual scavengers and their rehabilitation during each of the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise;

(b) the details and number of families of safai karamcharis benefitted during the above period; and

(c) the details of unutilised fund held and their disposal as on date?

NIPER in Vishakhapatnam

1452. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned setting up of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) at Vishakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened along with the outlay for setting up of the NIPER at Vishakhapatnam?

Uniformity in Designating Castes

†1453. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various castes have been designated differently, such as Other Backward Classes/ Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and General category in different States;

(b) if so, the details of such castes which have been included in General category in one State and in some other category in another State along with the details of such Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in other States, State-wise;

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to bring about uniformity in the country, in this regard?

Benefits of Subsidy to Farmers

†1454. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are getting the desired benefits of subsidy on fertilizers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some companies have adopted the strategy of showing less production capacity and grab huge subsidy on the basis of percentage production;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the poor and marginal farmers get maximum benefit of subsidy?

Digital Land Records Modernisation Programme

1455. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Digital Land Records Modernisation Programme has not achieved even 50 per cent of its target during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of re-survey of lands as well as updation and digitisation of land records, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has allocated nominal funds for this programme; and

(e) the funds allocated by the Government for this programme?

Households under MGNREGS

1456. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households which have demanded work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) since March 2020, month-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of households provided work under MGNREGS since March 2020, month-wise and State-wise;

(c) the reasons for not providing work to each household which has demanded it?

Research and Development of New Drugs

1457. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any programme or policy for research and development of new drugs/vaccines for treatment of newly emerging diseases across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government has constituted any inter-department related Committee for pharmaceuticals research and development and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken for the benefit of common people of the country?

Funds to PMAY-G

1458. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Budget allocation, funds released by the Government as its share to the States and utilisation reported under Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana-Grameen (PMAY-G) during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, State-wise; and

(b) the amount released as on 31st August, 2020, State-wise, along with the physical targets set for each State for the year 2020-21?

Arms Licences

1459. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding Arms Licences issued or renewed during the last three years with All India Permission;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any details regarding those who are accused in criminal cases and still holding an All India Arms Licence;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether it is planning to prepare the same;

(e) whether the Government is planning for centralized issue of Arms Licence (All India), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Government has the details of Arms Licence which are cancelled during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise?

Payment to workers under MGNREGS

1460. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment to workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are to be made within a fortnight failing which penalty is imposed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which early passing of budget has been helpful in timely release of funds to the States and timely payment of wages to the workers along with the time of release of funds to the States and time of payment to the workers;

(c) whether due to COVID-19, a large number of workers have moved to rural areas;

(d) if so, whether the Government has increased the prospect of MGNREGS to help those workers to get jobs in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to revamp the MGNREGS to help the migrated workers in rural areas; and

(f) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that 100 per cent payment is made under MGNREGS in time?

Welfare of Physically and Mentally Challenged Persons

†1461. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance provided and works done in the direction of education, training and rehabilitation of physically and mentally challenged people in the country, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra as on date;

(b) the details of the beneficiaries during the said period, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) the other schemes launched/to be launched by the Government for the welfare of physically and mentally challenged people along with the details thereof?

Skill Development Centres for Differently Abled Persons

1462. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to establish any skill development centres or institutes for rehabilitation and empowerment of differently abled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof specific to Odisha along with the funds allocated for the same;

(c) the details of disabilities for which there already exist Government Schemes for empowerment and employment;

(d) the details of the schemes in place to enhance employability of persons with disabilities;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to undertake any project aimed at distributing wheelchairs, hearing aids and other such equipments to differently abled persons, who lack access to the same; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural Centres in West Bengal

1463. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in functioning of e-NAM facility sanctioned in 2015 for Siliguri Regulated Market, despite having all the infrastructure set-up ready;

(b) the reasons why the Pineapple Development Centre at Bidhan Nagar (Darjeeling district), inaugurated in 2011, has not been functional till date; and

(c) the details of Central Government funding/assistance for development of agriculture in Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and North Dinajpur districts?

Food Security under NFSA

1464. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:
ADV.ADOOR PRAKASH:

SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to guarantee Food Security under National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013;

(b) whether the Government has initiated any scheme to confirm food is distributed to migrants too in light of non-availability of food to migrant labours throughout the quarantine period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering portability of Ration cards as an option known as One Nation One Ration Card Scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the names of States who have joined the scheme so far; and

(f) the time line fixed to extend the coverage of the said scheme throughout the country?

Schemes for Benefit of Poor Farmers

†1465. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:
SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run by the Government for the benefit of poor farmers to ensure the growth/development of agriculture sector in the country;

(b) whether the Government has recently made assessment to gauge the reasons for the slow growth of agriculture in the country, market-related problems being faced by the farmers and the non-availability of agricultural loans and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring transformative agri reforms to overcome the difficulties being faced by the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the rate of success to make Indian agriculture competitive with other countries of the world?

Chandigarh Industrial Policy

1466. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandigarh Industrial Policy 2015 has been implemented in Chandigarh;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of Chandigarh's low rank in the Business Reform Action Plan; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement Chandigarh Industrial Policy 2015 and to make Chandigarh a business friendly Union Territory?

Data regarding Financial Condition of Farmers

1467. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest Survey conducted to collect the data regarding financial condition of farmers are as per the NSSO survey in the year 2013 across the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes and recommend to collect the fresh data on this from farmers to supplement the efforts of State Governments as agriculture is a State subject towards the fulfilment of a strategy for doubling of farmers income and to arrive with this strategy; and

(c) the details of the report from the body constituted to monitor and review the progress as per the recommendations submitted by the Doubling Farmers Income (DFI) Committee?

Construction Cost for Houses

1468. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount given for construction of houses in rural areas is less than the total amount required;

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

(c) the details of the amount given under this scheme during the last two years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has considered increasing the amount for individual house construction; and

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

Procurement of Paddy

1469. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to pay the balance of amount claimed by the State of Kerala in respect of the procurement of paddy from farmers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government intends to review the present criteria for the allocation of funds for procurement of paddy which is solely based on the quantity of rice distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the State; and

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

Cultivation of Oranges

1470. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of top orange producing States in the country along with the area of land under orange cultivation;

(b) whether there is a declining trend in orange production in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons for such decline, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has provided any technical and financial support for higher yield and storage of orange in orange producing States and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has held training programme for orange producing farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the orange production in the country?

Status of Mega Food Parks

1471. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India is the second largest producer of foodgrains, fruits and vegetables in the world;

(b) if so, whether the Government has sanctioned 42 Mega Food Parks (MFPs) to set up Food Processing Industries;

(c) if so, the present operational status of these MFPs;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Government has not set up export hut and/or made special arrangements to export the processed foods thereof; and

(e) if so, the details of the plans of the Government to make operational all the MFPs and the export assistance therein?

Paramparogat Krishi Vikas Yojana

1472. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Paramparogat Krishi Vikas Yojana under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture;

(b) the number of farmers who took up organic farming as part of the scheme;

(c) the number of Participatory Guarantee Certification provided to such farmers till date; and

(d) the number of clusters and land area brought under the net of organic farming?

Village Knowledge Centres

1473. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Village Knowledge Centres programme being implemented by the Government is achieving its targeted goals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the number of Village Knowledge Centres established so far and their working along with the details of nodal agencies/officers; and

(d) the details of the banks that are providing details of the schemes to the farmers?

Rural development in West Bengal

1474. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken to develop the rural people of North Bengal, specifically Coochbehar in West Bengal under Aatmanirbhar Bharat?

Impact of Pandemic on Farming Sector

1475. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:
SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to conduct any study to understand the nature of impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on farming sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the Government is planning to conduct such study;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study on the regions facing agrarian crisis in the country due to drought, flood and recent COVID-19 pandemic this year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to provide financial assistance/credit to landless agricultural labourers facing hardships during COVID-19, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure minimum damage to small farmers, poor peasants and migrant labourers engaged in the informal sector due to COVID-19 impact?

Shelter Homes for Stray Animals

1476. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government and non-Government shelter homes looking after the injured stray animals like cows, dogs etc. in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of these shelter homes are facing shortage of space and other amenities restricting the proper care of these stray animals;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to improve the facilities including increasing financial allocation and provision of more space in these shelter homes for stray animals; and

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

Corruption and Horse Trading in Panchayat Elections

†1477. SHRI RAJVEER DILER:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to eliminate financial corruption and horse trading in regional Panchayat elections;

(b) whether any proposal or request has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding the election of Panchayat Head and District Panchayat Chairperson by the public; and

(c) if so, the action being taken thereon?

Inciting Sikh Youths

1478. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of Patwant Singh Pannu, a Canadian citizen who is waging war against India by inciting Sikh youths to put Khalistan flag on Government buildings in lieu of monetary benefits;

(b) whether any case has been registered against him;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the place, time and under which sections such a case was registered; and

(d) whether the Indian Government has started any extradition proceeding against him?

Disbursal of PM-KISAN Scheme Funds

1479. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds disbursed to registered farmers till date under PM-KISAN Scheme, State-wise and district-wise along with the numbers of such farmers;

(b) the details of the number of small, marginal, medium and large-scale land holding farmers, who are registered beneficiaries of the sanctioned amounts under the PM-KISAN Scheme in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(c) the details of the mechanism for the selection of beneficiaries and monitoring of implementation;

(d) the details of the steps taken to monitor if the beneficiary is eligible and if the scheme can be monitored by DISHA committees;

(e) whether the Government is aware of the allegations of wrongful selection of beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu; and

(f) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure that the right beneficiaries are selected and if so, the details thereof?

Mission Milk Scheme

1480. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Mission Milk Scheme;

(b) the details of gains made under the National Dairy Plan 1 in the aspirational districts, especially Hazaribagh and Ramgarh aspiration districts in Jharkhand; and

(c) the number of milk cooperatives and female workers there in Jharkhand, district-wise?

Construction of Warehouses

1481. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is giving assistance to construct warehouses in States and has allocated Rs. 1,000 crore for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 45 warehousing projects have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the status of these projects and districts where the warehouses have been constructed;

(d) whether there are any plans to construct additional warehouses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of Pesticides with Banned Chemicals

1482. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(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 along with the likely impact of such pesticides and seeds on crops and health of farmers; and

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

Features of PM KISAN Scheme

1483. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this Scheme within Tamil Nadu so far, district-wise;

(c) the details of the number of beneficiaries covered under this scheme within the district of North Chennai so far;

(d) whether the Government has transferred any amount into the farmers' accounts during the period of lockdown within Tamil Nadu;

(e) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government is planning to transfer some more instalments in their accounts in advance due to COVID-19 crisis; and

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

Pesticide Development Authority

1484. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up a Pesticide Development Authority to ensure balanced use of chemical fertilizers to check any decline in agricultural productivity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Pending Cases of Doubtful Voters

1485. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending cases of doubtful or D-voters in various Foreigners Tribunals in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of people declared foreigners in the country since the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the number of detention centres set up in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the number of inmates in such detention centres, State-wise?

Fertilizer Subsidy

†1486. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subsidy being provided to the farmers and the fertilizers manufacturing companies in public, private and cooperative sector for various fertilizers during the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into the bank accounts of farmers; and

(c) if so, the details of the numbers of farmers likely to be benefitted by the same?

Functioning of PM-AASHA Scheme

†1487. SHRI JOHN BARLA:

SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provision of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme ensures remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which it is helping farmers to double their income by 2022; and

(c) the names of the crops for which there is a provision for Minimum Support Price?

Underutilisation of Funds for Rural Development

†1488. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for Rural Development Programmes are being underutilised due to which poor people and farmers in the villages are not getting the benefits as targetted by the Government;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to check its recurrence in future?

Increase in Crop Insurance Amount

†1489. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to increase the amount of insurance cover under Fasal Bima Yojana so as to enable the farmers overcome loss of crops and also help them in financial crisis keeping in view the pitiable condition of the farmers and payment of low insurance amount across the country especially in Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Bio-Fertilizer Production

1490. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps to promote the usage of bio-fertilizers as an alternative to chemical fertilizers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering a scheme of bundling bio-fertilizers with urea bags, to ensure their usage in farms across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the number of bio-fertilizer production units set up under the Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme till date, State-wise?

Invasion of Desert Locusts

1491. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UN has issued a warning about the likelihood twin invasion of desert locusts in the country during the year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the invasion of locusts would result in extensive damage of standing crops;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to assist the State Governments and the farming community to meet the upcoming challenges and if not, the reasons therefor?

Auction of Damaged Foodgrains

1492. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government holds auction to dispose of the damaged rice and wheat as cattle feed; and

(b) if so, the total quantity of damaged foodgrains auctioned and the revenue earned during the last two years?

Crime against Women

1493. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of different action plans of the Government, there is no steady improvement or decline in the number of rape cases in the country and crime against women has risen over 25 per cent since 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that conviction rate for rape cases was just below 27 per cent since 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of fast track special courts as a part of the National Mission for Safety of Women (NMSW); and

(d) the pending cases under the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, State-wise?

COVID-19 Cases in CAPFs

1494. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of COVID-19 recorded among the members of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) along with the details of death rate and recovery rate, force-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to support the recovery of members of CAPF who have tested positive for COVID-19; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to support the family members and dependents of the CAPF personnel who died of COVID-19 while on duty?

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

1495. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH

NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to assist landless farmers, agricultural labourers and sharecroppers;

(b) the details and the number of families dependent upon agriculture who do not own land, State-wise;

(c) whether all such families are covered under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme; and

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

Drug Addiction Amongst Youth

1496. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recognizes that the incidence of drug addiction has increased in the country, especially amongst the youth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any new steps to initiate drug de-addiction, particularly amongst the youth during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of children under the age of 18 years, who have been identified as drugs addicts during the last three years, State and year-wise?

Online Services

†1497. SHRI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many people have opted online service these days due to COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any new provisions have been made regarding the complaints and assistance relating to such online services;

(c) if so, the points/issues that have been incorporated these provisions; and

(d) the time limit fixed for its monitoring and disposal?

Residential Norms for UTs of Ladakh and J&K

1498. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to fix residential norms for the people residing in the newly created Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) whereas different States are having different norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will allow the companies and public sector undertakings to purchase land irrespective of residential norms to be prescribed for the local population;

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

(e) whether the Government will allow exemption to certain categories of people and corporate houses; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Low Price of Paddy and Pulses

†1499. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is concerned about the low price of paddy and pulses and if so, the action plan prepared by the Government to provide the farmers fair prices;

(b) the details of paddy and pulses production during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has prepared/formulated any action plan to increase the prices of paddy and pulses in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to export paddy and pulses and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Drug Price

1500. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the prices of commonly used medicines like key antibiotics, anti-allergies, anti-malaria drugs, BCG vaccine and Vitamin C which are being used by the poor people on daily basis and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has informed that the prices are increased by 50% in the interest of the public;

(c) if so, the clarification of public interest which necessitated exorbitant price rise at this time of slow-down of the economy;

(d) whether paragraph 19 of the Drug Prices Control Order 2013 has been used to reduce the drug prices but not for increasing the prices of common drugs; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Effect of COVID-19 on Agriculture

1501. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loss to farmers and the agricultural sector due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown has led to shortages in production of all major crops which in turn may result in increased demand;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to tackle this issue; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu for tackling the same?

Poverty of Farmers

1502. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reason for poverty of farmers is low productivity (yield per hectare) of all major crops in the country;

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

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

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

Inner Line Permit

1503. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government desires to abolish the Inner Line Permit completely;

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

(c) whether the Inner Line Permit is against 'One Nation, One People' concept;

(d) the reasons due to which it is necessary for Indian citizens to obtain Inner Line Permit to travel to Northeastern Indian States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland; and

(e) the reasons for not revoking ILP (an offshoot of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act 1873) even after seventy-four years of independence?

Increasing Pendency in FSLs

1504. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the delay in administering justice due to increasing pendency in Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such pending cases, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any special plan to reduce/dispose of such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increased Facilities to Farmers

†1505. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide same facilities to farmers at par with the industrial products by formulating policy of processing and marketing of agricultural products as per the criteria of organic farming so as to enable them to compete with global market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Products Purchased at MSP

1506. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various agricultural products purchased at Minimum Support Price (MSP) in Karnataka;

(b) the names and quantum of various agricultural products purchased along with their prices during the last three years, district-wise; and

(c) the procedure of fixing MSP of agricultural products and the names of those products in the case of which the said MSP has been increased?

Traffic Challan to COVID-19 Warriors

1507. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether red lights and cameras to detect overspeeding had not been kept off despite allowing both ways traffic on a single road only in Delhi during the period of nationwide lockdown resulting in a large number of traffic challans being sent to the COVID-19 warriors including Doctors, Nurses, Para-medical Staff, Bank Employees, Government Employees, suppliers of essential commodities etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the total amount of penalty imposed on such COVID-19 warriors through the said traffic challans during the period of lockdown;

(c) whether the Government proposes to waive off such penalty imposed on such COVID-19 warriors in the public interest;

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

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

Funding for ATMA Scheme

1508. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds to the State of Kerala under the Agriculture Technology Management Agency(ATMA) Scheme during the financial year 2019-20 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds released from the allocated amount so far to the State of Kerala; and

(c) the details of the NGOs involved in the State of Kerala under the ATMA scheme?

MGNREGS in Rajasthan

†1509. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BAHERIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people provided employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last financial year 2019-20 in Rajasthan;

(b) the number of people above 70 years therein;

(c) the number of people above 70 years who were employed for 50 working days;

(d) the details thereof, district-wise?

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

†1510. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding sanctioned works in Rajasthan in the years 2019 and 2020 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) the details of the works approved with the consent/as recommended by the concerned People's Representative in Rajasthan during the said period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to approve all the work related to construction of roads under PMGSY with the consent/recommendations of the concerned People's Representative; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reforms in MGNREGS

†1511. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the need and basis for reforms in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) by the Government;

(b) the details of provisions the Government is considering for positive changes in terms of different provisions under it;

(c) whether any speedy mechanism been made for redressal of problem of delay in payment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether wages (Rs. 178.44) recommended by the panel is even less than half of the National Minimum Wages(Rs. 375) , if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether any provisions have been made to solve the technical problems faced by the labourers in this and if so, the details thereof?

Spending on Agriculture

1512. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent/to be spent on agriculture in the country during the last three years and the current year and its percentage share in the Gross Domestic Product; and

(b) the amount allocated/proposed to be allocated to the State of Karnataka for agriculture and dairy development during the said period and achievements made therein?

Funds allocated to Bihar for Rural Areas

1513. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Ministry to the State Government of Bihar for rural areas during the last four years including the purposes of the said funds;

(b) the measures taken by the Government to eliminate the irregularities in Government schemes at Panchayat level in rural areas especially in district Gopalganj of Bihar;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized so far in district Gopalganj of Bihar; and

(d) the details of all the schemes running in district Gopalganj of Bihar?

Privatization of Fisheries Resources

1514. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fishermen across the country were against privatization of fisheries resources;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government had set a target of Rs.1 lakh crore export business over the next five years and 20 lakh tonnes of annual fish production; and

(c) whether it is also true that the privatization of fisheries resources will not benefit the traditional fishers community?

Agricultural Land Damaged by Floods

1515. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the extent of agricultural land damaged by floods in the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of the estimated damage to agricultural output as a result of flooding during the said period, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Government plans to provide special aid to farmers losing revenue due to flooding;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is drawing up plans to address the impending damage to agricultural land and losses to farmers/workers as a result of the growing rate of flooding each year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing Participation of Women in Police

†1516. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken so far/likely to be taken by his Ministry in coordination with the State Governments to increase the participation of women in police, to make a provision of separate restrooms for women police in the police stations and to exempt them from field duty for one year in case of delivery, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that women police personnel and their children have to face lots of problems if given field duty immediately after the delivery period; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to impart training to women police and to set up a Special Women Police Training Center and if not, the reasons therefor?

Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students

1517. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of beneficiaries under the 'Scheme of Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) Students' so far during the last three years and the current year in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the percentage of students from these coaching institutions in Tamil Nadu who were able to qualify or score pass percentage in their respective examinations, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to open more coaching institutions for SC and OBC students in rural areas of Tamil Nadu, if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to extend similar scheme to students from Scheduled Tribes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vocal for Local

1518. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is translating PM's slogan 'vocal for local' in the food processing sector;

(b) the details of micro food enterprises in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether it is not true that there are thousands of micro food enterprises which needs technical, marketing, financial and other support to realize the above slogan of the PM;

(d) whether the Government is going to help them in every area of their operations; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to ensure that all the micro food enterprises get Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) Standards for global outreach?

Vellayil Fishing Harbour Project

1519. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has noticed the delay in implementation of Vellayil fishing harbour project at Kozhikode; and

(b) if so, the details of plans to revive the project?

Industry Status to Agriculture

1520. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not true that agriculture plays a vital role in the economic development of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also not true that there have been genuine demands to grant 'industry' status to agriculture to push it further in all respects;

(c) the details of each of the benefits being given to industry during the last ten years;

(d) the details of each of the benefits being given to agriculture during the last ten years; and

(e) whether there are any constraints that the Government is facing in granting 'industry' status to agriculture?

Infrastructure Development in Rural Areas

1521. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government keeping in mind that a high priority is infrastructure development, both physical and digital, to enable rural dwellers to access the products and services matching their incomes, needs and aspirations;

(b) whether sustained, efficient execution, innovative programmes in digital and financial areas, along with the proposed improvement of physical infrastructure, road connectivity to nearby urban centres and reliable power supply to all rural households will be key drivers to ensure inclusive growth in India; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Households covered under Food Security Scheme

1522. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of percentage of households covered under Food Security Scheme in the State of Telangana, district-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and released for the said scheme during the last five years to the State of Telangana, year-wise;

(c) the details of funds not utilised by the State Government, year-wise;

(d) whether it is true that the percentage of households covered under the Food Security Act in the State of Telangana is very low as compared to the target fixed;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to add more beneficiaries under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

FAME India, Phase-II

1523. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount spent by the Government under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) India, Phase II from the start of the scheme till now, State-wise;

(b) the number of Original Equipment Manufacturers who have registered under the FAME India, Phase II till now, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has included setting up Charging Stations for electric vehicles in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to Increase Food Grain Production

1524. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the production and productivity of food grain in backward States?

Central Sheep Training Institute in Telangana

1525. DR. G RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not a fact that India has the second highest sheep population in the world and there are huge economic benefits in sheep rearing;

(b) whether it is also not a fact that there is a high demand for sheep meat, manure and sheep rearing also provides huge employment opportunities for poor;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that sheep rearing is not being done in a scientific manner and many shepherds are following the old, obsolete and outdated practices resulting in not getting the deserved economic benefits out of sheep rearing;

(d) whether in view of the aforesaid, the Government has taken into consideration for setting up of Central Sheep Training Institute in Telangana to address above issues; and

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

Soil Health Card

1526. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the total number of farmers who have been provided with Soil Health Cards under Soil Health Management Scheme for increase in the agricultural production across the country during the last three years, State-wise, including Jharkhand; and

(b) the number of Soil Health Testing Laboratories set up for soil testing in Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand?

Procurement of Agricultural Produce

1527. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural produce not purchased by private companies can be sold to the Government at Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(b) whether a farmer desirous of selling his agricultural produce solely to the Government can do so and if so, the Government will purchase the same at MSP; and

(c) the details of the mechanism adopted by the Government to procure agricultural produce from the farmers?

Efforts to Increase Farmers' Income

†1528. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made by the Government to increase the income of farmers of the country including Uttarakhand during the last three years;

(b) whether the farmers cultivating traditional crops like paddy, wheat etc. have adopted the cash-crops system through the Government schemes and whether their income has increased;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken special measures to promote cultivation of saffron in Uttarakhand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure on CSR by PSEs

1529. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) in the country during the last five financial years, year-wise;

(b) the total fund spent under CSR in Odisha during the same period, year-wise;

(c) the details of the total fund spent under CSR in Angul and Talcher districts in the State during the same period, year-wise;

(d) whether any major project has been taken up by any of the PSEs in both the districts under CSR activity and if so, the details thereof?

Collection of Premium under PMFBY

†1530. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of premium collected in Gujarat under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during each of the last three years;

(b) the total value of claims made by the farmers in the said State and the total value of claims lying pending; and

(c) the average time taken in the settlement of such claims?

Income Limit of OBCs Creamy Layer

†1531. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to appoint any panel to review the income limit of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) creamy layer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Provision for Adequate MSP

†1532. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed any suitable mechanism to ensure that farmers would get enhanced Minimum Support Price (MSP) on their surplus agricultural produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take action against the wholesale traders who do not purchase Kharif crops at the MSP;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government will procure surplus agricultural products directly from farmers in case of wholesaler do not purchase the said produce on MSP; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Design & Quality of PMAY-G Houses

†1533. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efficient mechanism has been evolved by the Ministry to ensure better design and quality of the houses to be built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for capacity development of labourers/workers engaged in construction work;

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to expedite the work to achieve the target of the construction of houses?

Shortage of Urea

†1534. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a crunch of urea in agricultural dominated States such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana etc. and black marketing of urea is being done in the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government is working to supply urea to the farmers in adequate quantity at a reasonable price?

Urea and DAP Import

1535. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and monetary value of urea and DAP imported by India from various countries between 2010 & 2020, country-wise and year-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the imports of Urea and DAP;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to nudge the farmers to slash their fertilizer usage, especially in the use of urea?

Wastage due to Improper Storage

1536. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of proper storage huge quantities of cereals (wheat-rice) was laid to waste over the years;

(b) if so, the details of wastage of cereals during each of the last three years;

(c) the reason due to which the Government did not allow export despite adequate stocks of cereals;

(d) whether the Government has adequate reserves of cereals to tackle drought situation in country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation under MGNREGS

1537. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the highest ever allocation of Rs. 101500 crore has been made under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the current financial year;

(b) the amount allocated and released so far, State-wise; and

(c) the total works completed so far during the current financial year?

Nexus between Police and Criminals

†1538. SHRI DEEPAK BAJI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last few years, many cases of nexus between police and criminals have come to light in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to take steps for police reforms in view of nexus between police and criminals and atrocities on poor and farmers by police;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reports submitted by various commissions for police reforms and the details of the action taken on such suggestions?

Exclusion of Aged Persons as Beneficiaries under MGNREGS

1539. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any order excluding people over the age of 65 years from taking part in works offered under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether around 53,000 aged people would be excluded by virtue of the said order in the State of Kerala which form around one-third of the State MGNREGS beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is likely to withdraw this order considering the current unprecedented economic deprivation; and

(d) if so, the time period and if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme for Farmers

1540. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme or programme to assist the farmers of the country during the lockdown period;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme or programme, State-wise; and

(c) the details of number of farmers impacted by such scheme or programme?

Allocation under NDRF and SDRF

1541. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation and release of funds from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), for the period from April-2020 to Aug-2020, followed by the outbreak of COVID-19, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to insist the State Governments to constitute District Disaster Response Fund considering the scenario of community spread of COVID-19 and to focus more on containment zones; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

1542. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) has been ineffective in ushering development in the selected Gram Panchayats;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is true that the scheme has proved to be a non-starter even after six years of its launch and the People's Representatives are losing interest, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government for removing the bottlenecks like lack of tech-savvy officials which would seriously affect the execution of the goal of SAGY as e-governance depends on accessibility as well as technological know-how?

Decline in Auto Sales

1543. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sales of automobiles in both commercial and passenger vehicle segments declined rapidly for the straight ninth month, resulting in significant job losses;

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

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to declare a revival package for the auto industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Establishing New NIFTEMs

1544. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to establish new campuses of National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM);

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

(c) whether inadequate and unskilled manpower is a major challenge for food processing industries in the country; and

(d) whether the present NIFTEMs have in-campus incubation centres and if so, the details thereof?

Adjournment in Consumer Complaints by NCDRC

1545. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has been issuing long duration of adjournments in consumer complaints under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 and Consumer Protection Act, 2019;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of consumer complaints taken up and disposed by NCDRC during each of the last three years;
- (d) the details of the origin of the number of complaints as on date, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of judges and other judicial staff at work in various consumer affairs tribunals in the country?

Storage for Food Grains

1546. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working on creating storage or warehouse facilities for storing food grains of farmers in the villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the current data on the number of facilities already in place as on date?

Convergence of Central & State Government Schemes

1547. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central and State Governments' schemes at the implementation level can be converged with the help of technology so that continuous monitoring can be done with the help of dash boards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has considered working in collaboration with district Governments through capacity building of personnel at the local level and at the national level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints received by NHRC

1548. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of complaints received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) regarding alleged harassment of human rights defenders during the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of such cases where the NHRC recommended compensation or release of human rights defenders during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that some human rights defenders were targeted by the NSO Group's Pegasus spyware in 2019 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure protection of human rights defenders?

Illegal Trade in Fire-arms

†1549. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether illegal trade in fire-arms is flourishing in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether criminals are using such illegal firearms and various State Police or agencies are unable to control this increasing trend; and
- (d) if so, the strategy adopted by the Union Government to amend the Arms Act for banning production and use of illegal arms?

Dynamic Seed Rolling Scheme

1550. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of the Dynamic Seed Rolling Scheme and the ways in which it will help in doubling farmers' income;
- (b) whether farmers, especially those belonging to backward regions of the country, are not able to access good quality seeds;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the said problem has resulted in stagnation in production and if so, the details thereof?

Burning of Crop Residue

†1551. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that farmers are compelled to burn the crop residue and stubble in the open due to the non-availability of technology for their management and non-provision of cash incentives for their scientific disposal;
- (b) if so, the immediate steps taken by the Government to tackle the resulting problem of deteriorating Air Quality Index particularly in Delhi and Northern parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**PM KISAN Scheme Beneficiaries
in Jharkhand**

1552. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of revenue villages where farmers are benefited by the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN) Yojana in Jharkhand especially in Giridih constituency;

(b) whether farmers of some revenue villages are deprived of the benefits of this scheme;

(c) if so, the number of such revenue villages and the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the farmers of such revenue villages are likely to receive the amount under this scheme?

Grant-in-aid to Rural Local Bodies

†1553. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has provided grant-in-aid to the rural local bodies as per the recommendations of 15th Finance Commission; and

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

**Government Officials Engaged in Controlling
Spread of COVID-19**

1554. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of Government officials engaged in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government will declare teachers and other Government officials engaged in the COVID-19 containment duty as the COVID-19 warriors;

(c) if so, the details of family members of teachers who died during discharging their COVID-19 duties;

(d) whether compensation has been given at par with the police and doctors in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise in regard to Odisha; and

(e) the number of families of such officials, whose family members have died of COVID, provided ex-gratia announced by the Government in the country so far, State-wise along with the amount provided?

Research and Development Fund

1555. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for research and development in Food Processing Sector has come down during the last three years;

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

(c) the status of implementation of research and development in this sector during the last three years; and

(d) the details of targets set and achieved in this regard during this period?

Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan

1556. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been done by the Government on the efficacy of implementation of Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) during the last 7 years i.e. 2014-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal on the part of the Government to give legal framework for SCSP to avoid circumvention of guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Private Insurance Companies under PMFBY

1557. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain major private insurance players have not bid for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during 2020-21;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that premiums, assessments of loss and payment of compensation under PMFBY work satisfactorily for all stakeholders?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Compensation to Families of Deceased CAPFs Personnel

1558. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of paramilitary personnel have sacrificed their lives for the Nation during the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of personnel who died during the last three years in each Central Armed Police Forces such as CRPF, BSF, etc;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government is considering to provide more compensation to the families of the paramilitary personnel who died in the line of duty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Woman Farmers in Agriculture Sector

†1559. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide facilities to women farmers for the development of agriculture areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and spent for the said purposes in the country during the last three years, State-wise including Bihar and UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide training to woman farmers to make them updated with latest farming technologies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the participation of woman farmers in agriculture sector?

Promotion of Indigenous Cattle Species

†1560. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to promote indigenous species of cattle for the cattle promotion sector;

(b) if so, the present status of the above in the country including Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of CPSEs

1561. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the performances of the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the Government during the first half of 2020;

(b) the results of the navratna companies during this period in critical sectors; and

(c) whether there has been any cost cutting efforts in these companies leading to job losses and if so, the details thereof?

Waiver of Loans

†1562. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of farmers whose loans have been waived off by the Central Government since 2014 till date and the details thereof particularly for the State of Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has waived off or proposes to waive off the medium and long term loans of farmers engaged in growing the irrigated crops like fruits, flowers, grapes and mangoes and if so, the details thereof particularly for Maharashtra;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Government proposes to waive off the loans of these farmers on the lines of loans waived during the year 2007; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

DDU-GKY in Rajasthan

†1563. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rural youths of other districts including Sikar of Rajasthan are being imparted training under this scheme;

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

(e) the details regarding number of youths imparted training and employment of such youths after completion of their training?

Impact of COVID-19 on Dairying Sector

1564. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL
HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the farmers are facing financial problem due to Corona Virus Pandemic in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the work being done by the Government in dairying sector to increase the farmers' income in the country including Maharashtra;

(c) whether there is a need to encourage the farmers to set up dairy by promoting Animal Husbandry to increase their income;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme being implemented by the Government in this regard;

(e) the details of the assistance and facilities being provided to the cattlemen by the Government to setup dairy; and

(f) whether the Government is providing loan facility and grants for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof?

People under House Arrests in J&K

1565. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of people placed under house arrests in Jammu and Kashmir and the people who face restrictions on their movements for reasons not related to public health guidelines;

(b) whether the Government has an intended timeline for the release of such persons;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the justifications therefor;

(e) whether the Government is aware that certain members of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) were prevented by the police from leaving their residence to attend a party meeting on August 5, 2020; and

(f) if so, the details of the order that bars the movement of these members?

Setting up of NIPER

1566. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any National Level Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in various States for the establishment of pharmaceutical units and focusing on the pharmaceutical sector;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal for setting up of NIPER in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded?

Loss of Foodgrains due to Inadequate Storage

1567. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that every year a lot of foodgrains get spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity of foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States having excess storage capacity at present;

(d) whether the excess foodgrain storage capacity has turned out to be the reasons for crisis in some States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Procurement of Goods and Services by CPSE

1568. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND
PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total procurement of goods and services by each Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the value of goods and services procured under the Public Procurement Policy, 2012 during the said period in each CPSE;

(c) the status of procurement under this policy from MSEs owned by OBCs/SCs/ STs and non-SCs/STs during the said period by each CPSE; and

(d) the reasons for non-compliance, if any, of the policy?

Implementation of DDU-GKY

1569. HRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) is a youth employment yojana being implemented by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of centres operating under the said yojana in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(d) the details of institutions/ organizations which are running these centres; and

(e) the quantum of funds allocated to them during the last three years and the current year?

National Watershed Project

1570. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has launched a National Watershed Project 'Neeranchal' to improve incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of loan provided by World Bank along with the terms and conditions;

(c) the details of the various components and features of the Neeranchal Project;

(d) the criteria for allocating funds to various States under the project;

(e) the funds allocated and released under the project during each of the last four years and the current year, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(f) the details of the States benefited through the project during the said period; and

(g) the other important steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Ministry for watershed development in the country?

Animal Unique Identification

1571. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed Animal identification and traceability using polyurethane tags with 12 digit Animal Unique Identification Number (AUID) in consultation with International Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has started the Pashu Sanjivni scheme for animal identification and traceability to meet Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary (SPS) requirements;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the project along with the approved rate of each health card (Nakul Swasthya Patra);

(f) the status of the scheme Pashu Sanjivni, State-wise; and

(g) the details of other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Malpractices in Procurement and awarding of Contracts and Tenders by CPSEs

1572. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reports of malpractices in procurement and awarding of contracts and tenders by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs);

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

(c) whether there is a need for signing of Integrity Pacts by CPSEs and complete digitisation of procurement process to ensure transparency and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is an urgent need to delink CPSEs from administrative Ministries, run them by professionals and list them on stock exchange and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether retiring senior officials from CPSEs joining lucrative posts with private companies with which they have had dealings is a worrying trend; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government for improvement of the functioning of CPSEs?

Testing of PPE by BIS

1573. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) on April 14, 2020, had sought testing of Personal Protective Equipment(PPE) under ISO 11092 to ensure breathability of material, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this was withdrawn subsequently;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there are any current standards in place to ensure breathability of material used to manufacture PPE?

Social Innovation Hub for SCs

1574. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to organise a Social Innovation Hub in Delhi to facilitate business ventures and start-ups by Scheduled Caste (SC) community and other weaker sections of the society and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details and the total number of SC community and other weaker sections who have availed this facility as on date;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to organise such Social Innovation Hub in other States also; and

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

National Horticulture Fair 2020

1575. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI REBATHI TRIPURA:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI SELVAM G.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Horticulture Research has organized National Horticulture Fair-2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of farmers and other stakeholders who participated in the fair along with the achievements of organizing such a fair;

(d) the number of horticulture colleges which participated in the said fair, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Union Government has received a request for setting up Horticulture colleges in the country including Tripura, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on it; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to carry out more research activity in the field of horticulture to make optimum utilization of resources and boost the horticulture production?

Indian Market for Seeds

†1576. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian farmers are unable to get financial benefits from the Indian seed market despite its emergence as the fifth largest seed market in the world;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by the Government in this regard;

(c) the manner in which the Government is likely to reduce the increase in cost incurred on procurement of seeds for every crop cycle;

(d) whether barring these, shortage of authentic and quality seeds is also problem;

(e) whether the Government proposes to take any steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the lack of availability of fodder seeds is an area of concern for the dairy sector; and

(g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

SAMPADA Yojana

†1577. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major amendments carried out in various food processing schemes under Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters (SAMPADA);

(b) the details of the investment made by the Government under 'SAMPADA' Yojana;

(c) whether 'SAMPADA' Yojana will be beneficial for lakhs of farmers in the coming years and more employment will be generated directly/indirectly in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which 'SAMPADA' Yojana is likely to prove beneficial for the farmers and check the wastage of food?

Sub-categorisation of SCs

1578. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of the Supreme Court examining afresh the possibility of sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Centre initiative in this regard, as many as 17 States have opposed the Central proposal;

(b) if so, the names of States which have supported and opposed this move;

(c) the main reasons put forward by opposing States;

(d) whether any meeting between the Centre and the States has been held in the recent past on the subject and if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether creamy layer on the line of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) has also been included in the the Central proposal for sub-categorisation of SCs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a reply is likely to be filed in the Supreme Court?

Cardamom Cultivation

1579. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI SELVAM G.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area under cardamom cultivation along with the average total annual production in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the farmers cultivating cardamom have been affected due to COVID-19, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to assist the cardamom cultivators;

(c) whether the Government is implementing any Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the holistic development of cardamom in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided during each of the last three years and the outcome thereof;

(e) the reason for inability to boost cardamom cultivation even though the country has large potential for its growth; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to increase the production of cardamom in the country?

National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project

1580. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the objective of launching National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) Phase-I which was implemented in various States to respond better to cyclones;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is now implementing National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project Phase-II with the funding from World Bank and if so, the quantum of loan/fund to be provided by World Bank along with the share of the Central and the State Governments in the project;

(d) the principle component of the project along with the approximate coastline proposed to be covered under the project in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the number of States that have been covered under this project along with the details including project cost, funds released and status of the list of projects undertaken under the second phase of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, State-wise?

Functioning of CPC

1581. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of Master Canteens and Subsidiary Canteens functioning for serving and retired Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to provide quality products in Central Police Canteen (CPC) and also at a subsidized rate as done in the case of CSD canteen for defence personnel, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether any irregularities have been reported in the functioning of CPC canteen;

(d) if so, the details thereof including such cases reported during each of the last three years along with the steps taken to check the irregularities in the CPC; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to sell only indigenous products in CPC, if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move along with the time by which this will be made functional?

Block Chain Based Technology

1582. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any directions to the State Governments to adopt block chain based technology for streamlining the land records in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the State Governments which have till date adopted block chain technology in the field of land records and the status of their implementation?

GST on Milled Products

1583. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
DR.BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
DR.SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the current rate of GST for milled food products as well as agricultural by-product;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to reduce or remove the GST on these two categories and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has submitted any recommendation to the Ministry of Finance for the reduction or removal of GST on milled food products or agricultural by products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Market Study on E-Commerce

1584. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on market study on e-commerce have submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the action taken and various recommendations of said Committee?

Life Saving Drugs

†1585. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of life saving drugs whose prices have been decreased recently by the Government;

(b) the details of the decrease in prices in terms of percentage;

(c) whether the Government proposes to decrease the prices of more life saving drugs in the near future;

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

(e) the current status of the availability of generic medicines in the country?

Housing in Villages

†1586. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that four or five houses are being built in place of one house in villages and slums and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the Government is likely to prevent this practice;

(c) whether any proposal or concrete policy has been made in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any need for various infrastructural changes/intervention; and

(e) whether the Government is likely to maintain the architecture of villages and also to provide subsidy to the people easily in future under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana?

Watershed Projects

1587. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sown area, irrigated and unirrigated area and rainfed area out of total cultivable area including its percentage in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken several steps for optimum utilization of watershed projects for the development of rainfed farming in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of watershed projects that have been sanctioned and completed during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of funds/subsidy allocated, released and utilized for watershed projects for exclusive growth of rainfed farming in the country; and

(e) whether the Government intends to sanction new watershed projects for rainfed agricultural areas in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

Price Control of Essential Life Saving Drugs

1588. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drugs put under 'price control' in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the number by including more lifesaving drugs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cases of selling such drugs at 'high price' have come to the notice of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details of such cases reported and the action taken in this regard?

Farmers Loan Waiver

†1589. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the names of States in the country who have declared waiver of farmers loan;

(b) whether these States have completely waived off the farmers loan and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether loan of banks have been paid to the banks by the State Governments or Union Government after waiving of farmers loan and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the role of banks in waiving off farmers' agriculture loans;

(e) whether any system has been developed by the Government to implement the declaration of loan waiving scheme for its monitoring; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Ornamental Fish Farming

†1590. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information or scheme regarding ornamental fish farming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

PMAY in Bihar

†1591. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:
DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the houses proposed to be built and completed in district Gopalganj of Bihar are not following the specified criteria under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised in Bihar under PMAY-G, district-wise including Gopalganj;

(d) the total number of beneficiaries/families provided houses under the said Yojana in Bihar, district-wise including district Gopalganj of Bihar till date; and

(e) the time by which cent per cent families are likely to be covered under the scheme?

Implementation of SPMRM

1592. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM) including the number of projects sanctioned, initiated and implemented;

(b) the number of people benefited under the Mission;

(c) whether it is being linked to increasing rural investment and improving rural development and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the level of participation of people in the selection and development of 'Rurban Clusters' and the extent to which the selection is based on needs, income, vulnerability and level of development of the area; and

(e) whether there is overlap of funds for the implementation of the Mission with other ongoing national schemes, if so, the details and the quantum thereof?

Use of Kisan Rath Mobile App

†1593. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the farmers who have been connected with Kisan Rath Mobile App in the country till date and the details of benefits provided to them along with the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the Minimum Support Price (MSP) on which pulses and oilseeds are procured from the farmers during Rabi Season, 2020 and the number of the farmers who have benefited from it in the country along with the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of the farmers who have benefited from Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) till date and the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is running any scheme to control locusts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Testing of Imported Seeds

1594. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether imported seeds are being tested for suitability for local performance before being registered or being allowed for sale;

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

(c) whether India allows for seed imports from countries that grow transgenic varieties;

(d) if so, the details of such imports in the past three years;

(e) whether the testing labs have equipments for testing of transgenic and gene edited seeds with primers, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the State Governments will be empowered to register seeds that are suitable in their jurisdiction and disallow those that are not suitable or tested for the State, if so, the details thereof?

Amendments to Essential Commodities Act

1595. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to tackle hoarding of commodities in light of the recent amendments in 'The Essential Commodities Act'; and

(b) if so, the details of measures taken/being taken to ensure that farmers get right price?

PM Kisan Scheme Beneficiaries in Chhattisgarh

†1596. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of beneficiaries along with the amount paid to them and number of instalments given under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana in Chhattisgarh, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the instalments have been paid in Chhattisgarh under the said scheme;

(c) if not, the time by which the said instalments are likely to be paid to the eligible beneficiaries;

(d) whether the Government is taking stern steps to include more farmers under the said scheme across the country including Chhattisgarh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation to FPSs

1597. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation to fair price shops (FPSs) in units of weight in each of the last six years, State-wise and grain-wise;

(b) the release to PDS beneficiaries by all fair price shops in units of weight in each of the last six years, State-wise and grain-wise;

(c) whether the Government has estimated the percentage loss or leakage of grains between the procurement stage and the release to beneficiaries as on March 2020; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compulsory Drip Irrigation

†1598. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make drip irrigation compulsory considering the scarcity of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to provide required training to the farmers regarding drip irrigation and provide infrastructure?

Ensuring Fair Price to Farmers

1599. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that farmers are not getting fair price for their produce compared to the cost of production, if so, the measures being taken by the Government to support the farmers for compensating the deficiency;

(b) whether the Government has made an assessment of the negative impact of COVID - 19 pandemic on the agriculture sector, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of Kisan Samman Yojana released from December 2018 to August 2020 month wise; and

(d) whether the Government will consider providing a monthly pension of Rs 10,000/- to farmers owning less than 2.5 acres of agricultural land, if so, the details thereof?

Promoting Cultivation of Traditional Crops

†1600. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among farmers for cultivation of traditional crops in the country so that farmers take interest in traditional farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including Maharashtra; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries

†1601. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of veterinary hospitals/dispensaries functioning in the rural areas of the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds provided to these veterinary hospitals/dispensaries during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to open new veterinary hospitals/dispensaries in the country particularly in the rural areas deprived of such facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which the above veterinary hospitals/dispensaries are likely to be opened in all the villages of the country?

BPL Families

1602. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has ensured that they have BPL card and are getting the facilities provided by the Government;

(c) if not, the number of families which are not getting BPL Card facility and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is aware that some families, which are not eligible, are also largely included in the list of BPL families and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the criteria for identifying BPL families; and

(f) whether the Government has any plan for resurvey of BPL families in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in MSP for Sugarcane

†1603. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the cumulative increase in inflation of around 28 per cent during the last four years and the input cost of sugarcane comes to around Rs. 350;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to fix the MSP of sugarcane at Rs. 525 to 550 per quintal in view of its promise to provide 1.5 times of the input cost to the farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the strategy finalised in this regard?

Protection against Unfair Contracts

1604. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contracts signed by companies are unilateral and there is no protection of consumers against unfair contracts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether unfair terms in contracts are skewed in favour of service providers and manufacturers, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Law Commission has suggested additional provisions in Indian Contract Act and Specific Relief Act to protect the consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereon;

(e) whether the amended Consumer Protection Act has not been able to provide redressal against contracts with unfair terms to the consumers; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Enhancing Agricultural Studies

1605. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to enhance agricultural studies in India;

(b) the number of Central Government institutes imparting Bachelors degrees and Masters degrees in agriculture studies in India; and

(c) whether the Government will consider establishing a Central Agriculture University in Assam, particularly in lower Assam, if so, the details of the same?

Problems of Fishermen in Orissa

†1606. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the problems of fishermen of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government;

(c) whether the Government has any plan for fisheries in other States including Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

COVID-19 Pandemic Situation in States

1607. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the curbs eased during COVID-19 pandemic situation in States including Telangana;

(b) the implementation status thereof; and

(c) the actual demands of the States pending with the Union Government and the time by which it will be addressed?

Application for Domicile for J&K

1608. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have applied for domicile for Jammu and Kashmir to J&K administration;

(b) the grounds on which any application is rejected or accepted and the number of applications rejected therein;

(c) the number of domiciles issued by the Jammu and Kashmir administration;

(d) the steps taken to rehabilitate displaced persons from (a) former East Pakistan (b) border areas of Jammu & Kashmir as a result to Indo-Pak Conflict of 1971 and (c) Pakistan occupied areas of Jammu and Kashmir and (d) expelled Kashmiri Hindu Migrants after amendment to abrogate Article 370 and 35A was brought;

(e) whether the Kashmiri Pandits have been issued Domiciles under new rules; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing Farmers' Income

†1609. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) details of the efforts made by the Government to increase the income of the farmers of the country including Bundelkhand during the last three years;

(b) whether the farmers engaged in traditional farming of traditional crops such as rice, wheat etc. have started farming of cash crops and their income has also increased through the schemes of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any special measures to promote the farming of dates in drought-prone areas and dry weather areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of Fishermen Folks

1610. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme or projects to rehabilitate the fishermen folks who are facing the difficulties of severe coastal erosion, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government will initiate to raise the protective measures from coastal erosion in the coastal villages in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has noticed that hundreds of coastal villages including Chellanam in Ernakulam and Eriyad in Thrissur have been devastated due to the coastal erosion, if so, the details of the Government initiatives to rehabilitate the affected families and the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any schemes of projects to build sea walls or such measures to prevent coastal erosion or any such calamities from sea side in coastal villages, if so, the details thereof?

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