

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

Promotion of Modern Farming

†*21. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is promoting modern farming alongwith traditional farming in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is providing facilities to promote modern farming in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has also fixed any target to promote modern farming; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the present achievements in this regard?

Animal Welfare Board of India

†*22. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Animal Welfare Board of India was established along with the details of its jurisdiction;

(b) the number of gaushalas/cowsheds recognised by the said Board, the funds provided for the functioning thereof, construction of tin sheds and ambulances during the last five years alongwith the year-wise and region-wise details thereof;

(c) whether applications for granting recognition and assistance received from the institutions/gaushalas in the State of Rajasthan are pending with the Board; and

(d) if so, the date from which the said applications are pending and the reasons for the delay/pendency along with the details thereof?

Farmers' Demands on New Farm Laws

*23. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rounds of talks held with the Farmer Unions for the three Farm Acts namely the - Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act 2020, Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 & Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020;

(b) whether any specific proposals to meet the demands of the farmers are being discussed by the Union Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has plans to provide a legal guarantee for continuation of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) regime and open-ended procurement of MSP notified crops and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is inclined to repeal the three farm laws mentioned above and if so, the details thereof?

Non-receipt of PM-KISAN Funds

*24. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of farmers from Satara district are not receiving the benefit of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana due to faulty or pending data entry or delay in verification;

(b) if so, the measures being taken to rectify the situation; and

(c) the grievance redressal mechanism available to the adversely affected farmers?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014

*25. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the provisions and assurances made to the State of Andhra Pradesh under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 which have been fulfilled or completed by the Government so far;

(b) the reasons for non-fulfilling of the remaining assurances;

(c) whether any deadline/target has been prescribed in the said Act for fulfilment of all the assurances;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken for fulfilment of all the assurances by the prescribed deadline alongwith the details of the provisions and assurances of the said Act pending due to disputes between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

NAP for Drug Demand Reduction

*26. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Outreach and Drop in Centres set up under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the mechanism for demand reduction and control of use of such substances;

(c) the other steps taken by the Government under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR); and

(d) whether any targets have been set under the NAPDDR and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pension Schemes for BPL Persons

*27. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pension scheme is being implemented by the Government for widows, old aged and unemployed persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and expended under this scheme during the last five years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to double the funds allocated under this scheme and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm

*28. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target date fixed *vis-a-vis* the achievements made under the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any plan for creation of oilseeds hubs with a focus on regional approach for larger availability of high-yielding quality seeds as well as for training of farmers and extension officials in this field and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and oil palm in the country, especially in Latur, Satara and Solapur districts of Maharashtra?

Prison Reforms

†*29. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any Prison Policy or Policy for Reformatory Homes during the last few years;

(b) if so, the date on which the said policy has been adopted;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy in this regard;

(d) the percentage of ex-convicts who have committed repeated offences as compared to the first time offenders;

(e) the names of the States with the highest percentage of habitual offenders in jails; and

(f) the total number of open jails functioning in the country at present and the overall experience of such open jails?

PMGSY in Uttar Pradesh

†*30. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allotted proposals and funds allocated district-wise in Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Phase-III;

(b) the present status of allotted proposals under the said scheme;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the projects approved for Uttar Pradesh are likely to be completed within the stipulated time; and

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

Grant for Consumer Awareness

†*31. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government releases any grant-in-aid to the State Governments/Union Territories for undertaking consumer awareness activities;

(b) if so, the details of the amount of funds released to Maharashtra under the said scheme since the year 2017 till date;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent/forwarded any proposals to the Union Government for releasing the numbers of various organizations/agencies/NGOs which have PFMS registration and if so, the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has approved the said proposals; and

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

Exhibitions for Farmers at Gram Panchayat Level

†*32. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to organise exhibitions at Gram Panchayat level to inform farmers regarding high quality seeds, equipments and latest methods of irrigation so that the knowledge gained in the laboratories of leading agricultural institutes and universities of the country is used on farms and farmers get maximum benefits;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the requests received from various States/Union Territories in this regard so far alongwith the details of the action taken thereon during the last three years and till date;

(c) whether there is any proposal to organise training camps/loan fairs regularly for farmers at block/district level in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the requests received from various States/Union Territories particularly for Rajgarh, Gorakhpur, Karnal, Alipurduar and including Rajasthan

Chittorgarh and action taken thereon during the last three years and till date?

Online Policies

*33. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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 the insurance companies are denying their liability of indemnifying the consumer on the basis of the online policies;

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

(c) whether no local or regional offices are available for insurance companies and they are not responding to the notices issued by the consumer redressal forum and if so, the action taken thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes legislation for making the insurance companies issuing online policies liable and if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken for ensuring the right of policyholders to get the claims; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that the private insurance companies escape from the action of consumer forum on flimsy grounds and if so, the action taken thereon?

Ostomy

*34. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering Ostomy as a disability as it is considered in other countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Government is considering to bring Ostomy under the ambit of Locomotor Disability; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a manufacturing unit for Ostomy appliances as currently these are manufactured outside the country and if so, the details thereof?

Soyabean Cultivation

*35. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large potential for the growth of Soyabean cultivation in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
 (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of Soyabean in the country?

National Food Processing Policy

†*36. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
 SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared the outlines/blueprint of the New National Food Processing policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only seventeen mega food parks have been set up in the country so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not setting up even a single mega food park in Haryana;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up any mega food park in the Parliamentary Constituencies of Kurukshetra and Karnal in coordination with the State Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Strengthening Cold Storage and Warehouse Infrastructure

*37. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to strengthen cold storage and warehouse infrastructure facilities in the country including Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present capacity of cold storage and warehousing in the country; and

(d) the details of the cold storage and warehouse infrastructure created during the last three years, State-wise including Gujarat?

Fish Mortality Rate

*38. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increase in fish mortality rate due to ecological degradation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount invested for the development of critical infrastructure in fisheries during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has adopted any policy to check the pollution caused by the fishing gear in rivers, particularly by nylon and plastic materials and if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of PMGKAY

*39. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
 NIMBALKAR:
 SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

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 piloted any nation-wide scheme to increase access to foodgrains and staples in the light of COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of States where Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for distribution of foodgrains and staples in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic is implemented and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any requests from the States for the issue of additional ration and if so, the details thereof including State-wise break up of requests received and sanctioned by the Government;

(d) the quantity of grains lifted and distributed by each of the States under PMGKAY; and

(e) the quantity of foodgrains allocated by the Government under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), State-wise and the quantity of foodgrains distributed by each State?

Role of Agricultural Research

*40. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
 SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the role of agricultural research in the development of the agricultural sector in the country;

(b) whether the Government provides information to farmers regarding new scientific research taking place in the agricultural sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made so far;

(d) whether the Government encourages farmers to use scientific equipment for agricultural purposes;

(e) if so, the details of the steps taken in this direction;

(f) whether the Government also provides loans to farmers at cheaper rates for procuring such equipment besides subsidy; and

(g) if so, the number of farmers benefited by the subsidy/loan in various States including Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year?

NEW DELHI;
July 14, 2021

Ashadha 23, 1943 (Saka)

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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