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Questions For Oral Answer

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Generic Drugs

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

Will the **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government had made or is planning to make it mandatory for doctors to prescribe low-cost generic drugs to the patients;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken/ considered by the Government to monitor the drugs prescribed by doctors and in pharmacies;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the use of domestically manufactured drugs and medicines; and (d) if so, the details thereof?

Minimum Support Price

***82 Sh. Kunwar Pushendra Singh Chandel(Hamirpur) :
Sh. Anandrao Adsul(Amravati) :**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is considering to fix the Minimum Support Price (MSP) at 1.5 times of the input costs for crops to compensate farmers and tackle distress in rural areas and if so, the details thereof including the crops covered under the proposal;

(b) the details of the source of fund to meet MSP cost along with the total number of farmers who are likely to be benefited under the proposal;

(c) whether the Government has worked out the exact mechanism under which the Government plans to spend up to Rs. 15,000 crore for agriculture and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there were negative margins on jowar (-18%), sunflower (-13%), groundnut (-4%), ragi (- 20%), moong (-7%) and urad (-4%) during 2016-17 and if so,

the facts thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that farmers will get 150 per cent of the input costs for all crops?

Fertilizer Manufacturing Companies

***83 Sh. Rahul Ramesh Shewale(Mumbai South-Central) :
Sh. Bhartruhari Mahtab(Cuttack) :**

Will the **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the number of fertilizer manufacturing companies currently functioning in the country, State/UTwise;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints of shortage, nonavailability and untimely supply of subsidized fertilizers by the companies to the farmers across the country during each of the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken thereon, State/UTwise;

(d) whether cases of black-marketing/ smuggling of subsidized fertilizers and supply of substandard/adulterated quality of fertilizers to the farmers have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

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

National Dairy Plan

***84 Sh. Prem Das Rai (Sikkim):**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the various steps taken by the Government towards achieving the twin objectives of the National Dairy Plan i.e. to make the organised milk market accessible to rural milk producers and enhance breeding, feeding and milk procurement during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the implementation of the Plan has been limited to only 14 major dairy States and not to other States with high potential such as the North-Eastern States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Basic Facilities in Slum Areas

***85 Sh. Lallu Singh (Faizabad):**

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

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to provide basic facilities like sewer, healthy atmosphere, electricity, water, etc. for the people living in slum areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Long Term Visas

***86 Sh. Ram Charitra Nishad (Machhlisahr):**

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

(a) whether the Government has ordered a probe into the grant of Long Term Visas (LTVs) to Pakistani immigrants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also ordered officials to clear the pending cases of Pakistani immigrants applying for Indian Citizenship or extension of Long Term Visas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Food Processing Industries

***87 Smt. Rekha Arun Verma(Dhaurahra) :
Sh. Arvind Ganpat Sawant(Mumbai South) :**

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

(a) the details of progress made in setting up/expansion of food processing industries in the country;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding setting up and expansion of such industries in the country;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government for expansion of food processing industries in the country; and

(e) the extent to which progress has been made in this regard?

Rise in Prices of Food Products

***88 Sh. Ram Kumar Sharma(Sitamarhi) :
Mrs. Veena Devi(Munger) :**

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

(a) whether the retail prices of the food products of daily use have been rising continuously in the country for the last several years including in 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the prices of several products had skyrocketed in the last three years;

(d) if so, the names of such food products and their maximum consumer selling prices; and

(e) whether the Government has taken into account the reasons for this price rise, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Safety and Security of Pilgrims

***89 Sh. Ashok Shankarrao Chavan(Nanded) :
Sh. Anurag Singh Thakur(Hamirpur) :**

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

(a) the estimated number of pilgrims likely to visit the holy shrine of Amarnath during the current year;

(b) whether there are intelligence inputs suggesting threats of terrorist attacks on Amarnath pilgrims, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the security arrangements made for Amarnath Yatra by the Government;

(c) whether incidents of stone pelting on the vehicles of pilgrims going to the holy shrine of Amarnath have come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the route covered under the Amarnath Yatra is in difficult terrain and accidentprone and if so, the details thereof along with the number of accidents reported, persons died/injured and the compensation paid to the victims during the last three years; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government for the safety and security of the pilgrims visiting the holy shrine of Amarnath?

National Policy on Women's Safety

***90 Sh. Kunwar Bharatendra Singh (Bijnor):**

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

(a) whether his Ministry has received a draft "Action Plan on Women's Safety" from the Ministry of Women and Child Development;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken towards the drafting of the "National Policy on Women's Safety" and the timeline fixed for launching of the said policy?

National Crime Records Bureau

***91 Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal (Paschim Champaran):**

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

(a) whether the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has been collecting and

publishing data from all the States and Union Territories regarding representation of Muslim police personnel in an annual report titled “Crime in India”; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Debt Relief to Farmers

***92 Sh. M. B. Rajesh (Palakkad):**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of debt relief given to the farmers in the country during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government offers debt relief to the families of farmers who committed suicide due to debt; and

(c) if so, the amount allocated for debt relief during the said period?

Scheme for Reduction of Agriculture Cost

***93 Sh. Md. Badaruddoza Khan(Murshidabad) :
Sh. Mohammad Salim(Raiganj) :**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the names of the schemes being implemented by the Government to reduce the agriculture cost along with the details thereof;

(b) the budget allocated by the Government for the said schemes and the amount spent thereon during the last three years;

(c) the number of farmers benefited from the said schemes along with the details thereof;

(d) the details of the reduction in the cost of agriculture per hectare by implementation of the schemes and the amount increase in the income of farmers during the above period; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to reduce the rate of GST on necessary resources for agriculture and if so, the details thereof?

Production Cost of Crops

***94 Sh. Bodhsingh Bhagat (Balaghat):**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the details of the norms being prescribed by the Government to decide the production cost at the time of fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif and Rabi crops like paddy, wheat and soyabean for the year 2018-19;

(b) whether the Government has announced to fix the new MSP at one and a half times of the production cost of Rabi and Kharif crops during the Budget Session of 2018-19;

(c) if so, whether the production cost and MSP are likely to be fixed by the Government for Kharif and Rabi crops for the year 2018-19 accordingly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Production of Pulses

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

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government has taken steps or proposes to take steps to encourage the production of pulses in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cultivable Land

***96 Sh. Raosaheb Patil Danve (Jalna):**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) the total area of cultivable land and barren land in the country at present, State/ UT-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken by the Government to make the barren land fertile and the extent of success achieved in this regard; and

(c) the policy of the Government for using such unutilized land in the State of Maharashtra so that the farmers are directly benefited?

Ban on Pesticides

***97 Sh. Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi(Dharwad) :
Sh. Bhagwanth Khuba(Bidar) :**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

(a) whether the Government is aware that many killer pesticides like monocrotophos which are banned in other countries are still on sale across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide alternatives to these pesticides to the farmers in case of their ban;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to prohibit/ban the production and sale of such pesticides?

Hazardous Chemicals

***98 Sh. Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan(Kheda) :**

Sh. Paresh Rawal(Ahmedabad East) :

Will the **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government has any data of the production of hazardous chemicals which should not be produced in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some industries are found producing hazardous chemicals in Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

National Commission for Farmers

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

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) the major recommendations made by the National Commission for Farmers;
- (b) the status of implementation of these recommendations;
- (c) whether farmers are still facing problems despite the follow-up action taken by various stakeholders on the recommendations of the Commission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government to address the various problems faced by the farmers?

Setting up of Mini Soil Testing Labs

***100 Sh. Rajendra Agrawal(Meerut) :
Sh. Uday Pratap Singh(Hoshangabad) :**

Will the **AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE** be pleased to state that:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for setting up of mini labs in Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at district/tehsil level for soil testing across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposals from various States including Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of mini labs established by the Government so far in KVKs, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Haryana; and
- (d) the number of farmers benefited under the scheme and the steps taken by the Government to develop more mini labs for soil testing?

NEW DELHI.

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