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**Questions For Written Answers**

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**[CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION - HOME AFFAIRS - PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS - CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS - HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES - FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES - AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE - SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT and HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS ]**

**Total No. of Questions - 20**

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**Mono Rail Project in Kerala**

**921 Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri (Uttar Pradesh):**

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

- (a) the present status of "Mono Rail" project in Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the said project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Land Holdings and Assets**

**922 Sh. Abhishek Singh (Rajnandgaon):**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for better utilisation and planning for 288 Government owned land and other assets in public interest like providing housing for poor, green zones, etc.;
- (b) whether the Government has any Centralized data of all the land holdings and assets by each department of the Government and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the land holdings leased or rented to private/public organisations and the total revenue earned therefrom, State-wise?

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**Spot Immigration Facility**

**923 Sh. Kotha Prabhakar Reddy ( medak):**

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on introducing a system of providing spot

immigration facilities to the selected countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Welfare of SCs and OBCs**

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

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

(a) the details of schemes including skill development schemes being run by the Government for the welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Scheduled Castes (SCs) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds sanctioned, utilised and the achievement made during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Scheme-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, schemewise and the achievements made therein?

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### **Rural Godown Scheme**

**925 Sh. Harish Chandra Meena (Dausa):**

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

(a) whether the Government is implementing the Rural Godown Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the achievements made under the scheme in the entire State of Uttar Pradesh including Basti region along with the number of godowns constructed therein;

(c) the details of funds allocated under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year along with the funds utilised therefrom, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is considering to sanction construction of more godowns and increase their capacity in various States of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

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### **Relief for Flood and Natural Disaster**

**926 Sh. Bharta Singh (ballia):**

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide immediate relief for deaths due to flood and natural disasters in the country so that financial assistance may be provided to families of victims directly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Strengthening of Federal Structure**

**927 Sh. Gopal Chinayya Shetty (Mumbai-north):**

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

- (a) whether the existing federal framework of the country is hindering the development of the country;
- (b) whether there is a need to further strengthen the federal structure of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Special Laboratories for the Investigation of Rape Cases**

**928 Sh. Ranjanben Dhananjay Bhatt (Vadodara) :  
Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse(Raver) :**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish special/exclusive forensic laboratories for investigation of cases related to rape in the country so as to speed up the large number of pending rape cases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard?

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### **Agri-Tech Infrastructure Fund**

**929 Smt. Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh (Kandhamal):**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to sensitize and release the subsidy/financial assistance under the Central Sector Scheme of Agri-Tech Infrastructure Fund (ATIF) although the initial costs have been incurred by Regulated Market Committee concerned to expedite immediate launching of e-platform in various States of the country including Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof

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### **Bt. Cotton**

**930 Dr. Anirudhan Sampath, (Attingal):**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a nonapproved third kind of Bt. cotton is being cultivated in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether corrective measures have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Drug Abuse**

**931 Sh. Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu (Srikakulam ):**

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

(a) whether the Government has launched initiatives to reduce the incidence of drug abuse in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any survey has been carried out to measure the incidence and magnitude of the problem;

(c) if so, the findings of the survey; and

(d) whether any such programme has been launched in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Autistic Children**

**932 Sh. Partha Pratim Ray (Coochbehar):**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the number of autistic children is increasing day by day throughout the country; and

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

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### **Heritage City Tag**

**933 Sh. Khan Saumitra (Bishnupur ):**

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

(a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has sent any proposal to bring certain ancient and tourist structures under Heritage tag during the last four years; and

(b) if so, the details and status thereof including Bishnupur?

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### **Allocation of Foodgrains to Rajasthan**

**934 Sh. Rahul Kaswan (Churu):**

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

(a) the details of foodgrains allocated to Rajasthan under National Food Security Act;

(b) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional two lakh metric ton foodgrains to the State of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether any request has been received from Rajasthan for issuing instructions to FCI for one time issuance of foodgrains to the State;

- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the action taken by the Government for giving priority to Rajasthan in allocation of sugar?

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### **Reservation for SCs and OBCs**

**935 Sh. K. Ashokkumar (Krishnagiri):**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has sought strict adherence to reservation for SCs and OBCs in hiring of contractual employees and consultants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also sought similar reservation for outsourced work in various Ministries and Government departments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**

**936 Sh. Anoop Mishra ( morena):**

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

- (a) the efforts made under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (urban) to achieve its objective of eliminating manual scavenging; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of community toilets in the country including Madhya Pradesh?

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### **Setting up of Mega Food Parks**

**937 Sh. Rodmal Nagar( Rajgarh) :  
Smt. Kamla Devi Patle(Janjgir-Champa ) :**

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

- (a) the number of mega food parks set up by the Government in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up new mega food parks in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the conditions fixed by the Government for setting up of new Mega Food Parks;
- (d) the details of food parks proposed to be set up in the current financial year State-wise/locationwise and the criteria adopted to set up food parks;
- (e) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Chhattisgarh with regard to setting up of food parks in their respective States;

and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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### **Wastage of Foodgrains due to Poor Storage Facilities**

**938 Sh. Ramesh Chander Kaushik(Sonipat) :  
Dr. Bharati Dhirubhai Shyal( Bhavnagar) :  
Sh. Kaushalendra Kumar(Nalanda ) :**

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that foodgrains are wasted every year during the rainy season due to lack of proper storage facilities and if so, the details thereof in terms of tonnage;

(b) the action plan prepared by the Government to deal with the said problem;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any accountability in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the foodgrain storage capacity of public and private sector godowns separately in the country at present; and

(e) the total quantum of foodgrains stored in these godowns at present along with the storage capacity lying unused?

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### **Aadhaar based Biometric Authentication in PDS**

**939 Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad(Latur) :  
Sh. Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik(Kolhapur) :  
Sh. Rajeev Shankarrao Satav(Hingoli ) :  
Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati ) :  
Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit( Nandurbar) :**

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

(a) whether many workers were reportedly denied rations from the Public Distribution System (PDS) shops for failing to have Aadhaar based biometric authentication and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the people who have been denied ration are mostly elderly persons who could not procure food after the Aadhaar enabled point of sales machine could not authenticate their biometrics, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of point of sale equipment in Fair Price Shops for the identification of beneficiaries under the scheme of automation of Fair Price Shops that has been set up in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives to the States that achieve cent per cent implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof, State-wise

along with the steps taken by the Government to achieve cent per cent coverage of the scheme?

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**Installation of Automated Kiosks**

**940 Dr. K. Gopal (Nagapattinam):**

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

(a) whether the Government is considering to install automated kiosks e-Gates for speedy document and identity verification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether at the e-Gates, foreigners can present their machine readable passports, place their fingerprints on the scanner and complete a customs declaration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**NEW DELHI.**

**Dated: July 18, 2018.**

**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA,**

**Secretary General.**