

(LOK SABHA)

Questions For Oral Answer

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[Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Chemical and Fertilizers - CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION - FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES - HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES - HOME AFFAIRS - HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS - PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS and SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT].

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Production of Garlic

***101 Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad(Latur) :
Sh. Prem Singh Chandumajra(Anandpur Sahib) :**

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

- (a) the details of the leading garlic producing States in the country;
- (b) the total production of garlic recorded during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to garlic producers during the said period, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether the farmers producing garlic are not getting remunerative prices for their produce and if so, the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of garlic, onion and sugarcane in the country?

Attack on Soldiers by Locals

***102 Sh. Arvind Ganpat Sawant (mumbai South):**

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

- (a) whether the locals attacked the soldiers of the country and tried to demoralise them during the Lok Sabha bypolls held in Jammu;
- (b) if so, the total number of accused arrested in this regard along with the action taken against them;

- (c) the steps/decisions taken by the Government to check such attacks on soldiers;
- (d) whether the soldiers have been given or are likely to be given relaxation in rules in future to empower them for selfdefence so that they could protect themselves; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Cold Storage Facilities

***103 Sh. B.V. Naik(Raichur) :**
Sh. Rajendra Agrawal(Meerut) :

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to develop affordable cold storage facilities for rural areas which consume less energy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is taking or contemplating any steps for promotion of any food processing industries to curb wastage of perishable agricultural and horticultural produces and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has schemes to promote setting up of small and modern cold storage facilities for preserving food items and creating cold storage infrastructure in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made under such schemes?

Revival of Agrarian Sector

***104 Sh. Advocate Jayasingh Thiyagaraj Natterjee (Thoothukkudi) :**

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

- (a) whether Indian agriculture is confronted with high price volatility, climate risks and indebtedness and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the farmer's welfare/ supporting programmes and schemes are disjointed and function independently of each other now and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has any practical solution for reviving the agrarian sector which would reduce the agrarian distress and if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of Differently Abled Children

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

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

- (a) whether any scheme for rehabilitation of physically challenged/ differently abled children/youth is under the consideration of the Government; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Warehouses for Fertilizers

***106 Dr. (Smt.) Ratna De(Nag)(Hooghly) :**
Sh. Hari Om Pandey(Ambedkar Nagar) :

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to engage private warehouses to ensure proper storage of fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding the plan outlay and nodal agency in this regard?

Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana

***107 Dr. Bharati Dhirubhai Shyal(Bhavnagar) :**
Sh. Ramesh Chander Kaushik(Sonipat) :

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

(a) the details of progress made under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) along with the details of funds allocated and activities undertaken under the scheme during the last four years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the said Yojana has been implemented by the Government for the sole purpose of promotion of organic research and development and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme has achieved its aims and objectives in promoting organic farming in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the details of total agricultural area brought under organic farming during the period from 2014 to 2018, State and year-wise;

(d) the number of farmers selected for providing financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 per hectare, per farmer during 2014-2018 including Bihar along with the details thereof; and

(e) the number of organic research projects funded by the Government, State/UT-wise since the inception of this scheme and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage research on organic farming in the coming years along with the actual fiscal allocation made by the Government for this purpose?

Inclusion of Castes in SC and OBC Lists

***108 Sh. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre(Akola) :**
Sh. Rahul Ramesh Shewale(Mumbai South-Central) :

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

(a) whether the Government has received requests/proposals for inclusion of certain castes in the Lists of Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such requests so far, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints of over-inclusion/ under-inclusion of castes in the said lists during the above period, if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken thereon, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to bring the status of the National Commission for Backward Classes at par with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done?

Reform in Agricultural Schemes

***109 Sh. Kanwar Singh Tanwar (Amroha) :**

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

(a) whether despite various ongoing schemes for promotion of agriculture in the country, more than 40 per cent farmers are living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made any study to assess the performance of each of these schemes during the last three years;

(c) if so, the outcome of such study; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to reform such schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for Homeless

***110 Prof. Richard Hay(Nominated Anglo-Indian) :
Sh. C. Mahendran(Pollachi) :**

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

(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme which aims at providing homes to the landless/homeless and people living on the pavements, footpaths and open areas and for rehabilitation of such people;

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

(c) whether the Government has any data regarding the number of homeless people in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the funds allocated for construction of homes for the homeless, both in the rural and urban areas during the last three years; and

(e) the details of funds utilized and unutilized by the State Governments during the said period along with the reasons for the unspent funds, State-wise?

Milk Production Sector

***111 Sh. Naranbhai Bhikhabhai Kachhadiya(Amreli) :
Sh. Bidyut Baran Mahato(Jamshedpur) :**

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

(a) whether India has come down to the second rank in the milk production sector after being ranked number one in the said sector for the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote animal husbandry in the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to regain its number one ranking/status in the milk production sector and if so, the details thereof?

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State Commission for SCs

***112 Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge (Gulbarga):**

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

(a) whether all the States in the country have State Commission for Scheduled Castes (SCSC) and if so, the details of the States which have such a Commission as on date;

(b) whether all the States which have the said Commission also have either a legislation or rules of procedure governing the functioning of SCSC such as composition of the Commission, qualifications of members, powers etc.;

(c) if so, the names of all such States along with the title of the corresponding legislation or rules;

(d) the source from which SCSC derives its powers in the States where any legislation or rules governing SCSC have not been notified/framed; and

(e) the remedy available to members of SC community in the States which do not have an SCSC?

Drought Prone Areas

***113 Sh. Bhagwanth Khuba (Bidar):**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many States are facing major drought in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sent any team to drought prone areas to conduct survey of the drought land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has released any financial assistance to any State, if so, the amount released, State-wise?

Export of Sugar

***114 Sh. Ram Kumar Sharma (Sitamarhi):**

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

- (a) whether the Government had decided to export the surplus sugar as a result of excess production of sugar vis-avis its consumption in the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard along with the quantum of sugar decided to be exported in the first phase;
- (c) whether the export is possible as per the said decision;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the percentage of export made till October, 2018 as per the said decision?

Survey of Homeless Urban Poor

***115 Sh. Nihal Chand Chauhan (Ganganagar):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the homeless urban poor in Rajasthan and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals seeking financial assistance for acquiring land for housing projects from Rajasthan and other States/ Union Territories; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Identity Cards for Divyang Persons

***116 Sh. Om Prakash Yadav (Siwan) :**

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

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan to issue separate new identity cards for 'Divyang' persons;

(b) if so, the details of the works for which the said identity card is likely to be authorized;

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed; and (d) the name of the agency authorized by the Government for the said purpose?

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Central Coconut Research Station

***117 Sh. M. K. Raghavan(Kozhikode) :**

Sh. K. C. Venugopal(Alappuzha) :

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

(a) whether the Government has decided to close the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) centre at Kayamkulam in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that this centre is primarily engaged in the coconut sector, which is the major crop in Kerala and the closure will affect most of the coconut cultivators in southern Kerala including research project and if so, the measures being taken to reconsider the decision in detail;

(c) whether the Government has also received any proposal from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to close down the Central Coconut Research Station (CCRS) at Kayamkulam and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has decided to open any new regional centres of CCRS in the country and if so, the manner in which the Government can justify the closure of one regional centre by opening up the other; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to cut down the number of workers in CCRS at Kayamkulam and CPCRI at Kasargode, if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government to improve the infrastructural and research facilities in regional centres at Kayamkulam and Kasargode?

Centrally Sponsored Schemes

***118 Sh. Ajay Nishad (Muzaffarnagar):**

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

(a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Welfare Schemes including social security schemes being implemented by the Government for the welfare of the

Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes in various States including Bihar;

(b) whether the targets and objectives set under these schemes have not been achieved, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the details of funds allocated and utilised under each of the said schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Non-Governmental O r g a n i s a t i o n s (N G O s) / V o l u n t a r y Organisations (VOs) have also been provided grants to implement centrally sponsored schemes under the Ministry, if so, the details of the funds released and spent by NGOs/VOs during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether any irregularity in the utilisation of the said funds has come to the notice of the Government, if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the organisations/institutions/people responsible in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken to monitor the projects approved from Central funds and set up a Central Body in this regard along with the outcome thereof?

Suicide by Farmers

***119 Sh. Dinesh Trivedi (Barrackpur):**

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

(a) the details regarding the number of farmers who committed suicide post 2016;

(b) whether the Government plans to rehabilitate the families of the farmers who committed suicide and if so, the details thereof

Sale of Produce below MSP

***120 Sh. Kaushal Kishore (Mohanlalganj):**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 60 per cent markets in the country are still selling agricultural produce below the Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether steps are being taken by the Government to improve the situation on the ground in providing at least the MSP to the farmers; and

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

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