

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Cooperation; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries; Home Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Panchayati Raj; Rural Development; Social Justice and Empowerment; Youth Affairs and Sports)

(कृषि और किसान कल्याण; सहकारिता; मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी; खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग; भारी उद्योग; गृह; सूचना और प्रसारण; पंचायती राज; ग्रामीण विकास; सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Assistance to FPIs

†*461. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide assistance to Food Processing Industries (FPIs) facing crisis due to COVID-19;

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

(c) whether the Government also has any proposal to provide any institutional support to the said industries during COVID-19;

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

(e) whether the Government has issued any instructions to the District Magistrates to provide assistance to the said industries struggling due to COVID-19; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of Food Items

†*462. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to provide information to the farmers regarding nutritional content and quality production of the food/food items;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the preventive steps being taken for production of non-nutritional food/food items;

(c) whether the quality of the food/food items is being affected and the soil of the farms is getting damaged due to excessive use of pesticides and chemicals/fertilizers and the soil is on the verge of getting barren as the farmers do not have proper information in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas

*463. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote entrepreneurship in the rural areas;

(b) the allocation made by the Government for entrepreneurship activities, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry or any body under its administrative control has tried to gauge the efficacy and impact of these efforts and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the quantifiable impact of efforts made by the Government in this sphere?

Methanol Production Capacity

*464. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES

भारी उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organized any summit to bring new and sustainable technologies in the engineering and manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)-built Coal to Methanol (CTM) pilot plant;

(d) whether methanol is a good option as an alternative fuel and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the present installed methanol production capacity of the country; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to escalate the installed methanol production capacity in the country?

Setting up FPIs under PMKSY

†*465. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has invited proposals from the States especially from Maharashtra for setting up Food Processing Units/Industries under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received so far for setting up such processing units from various State Governments and Enterprises along with the effective steps taken by the Government to set up Food Processing Industries (FPIs) in Maharashtra;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to set up FPIs in Maharashtra along with the efforts made to simplify the process of providing loan and grant to promote the setting up of FPIs;

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

(e) the details of assistance provided to the entrepreneurs for setting up FPIs in the State of Maharashtra during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Stray Animals and Animal Shelters

*466. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data on the number of stray animals and animal shelters in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of animal shelters for stray animals considering that as per Pet Homelessness Index 77% people admitted that they see stray animals atleast once a week; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Payment of Less Wages under MGNREGS

*467. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the labour were paid less than the minimum wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guaranteed Scheme (MGNREGS) Projects due to which the Government saved more than Rs.42,000 crores during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons to pay less than the minimum wages to the labour working for the MGNREGS projects during the pandemic; and

(c) whether the Government is aware that such data are available on the MGNREGS website for employment generated, V V Giri National Labour Institute and State Notifications for Minimum Wages and if so, the details thereof?

Registered Print Media

*468. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of newspapers registered in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a large number of registered print media is not working for the last several years;

(c) if so, the details of such print media;

(d) the details of accredited journalists in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the attacks on media people in the country?

Betel Leaves Cultivation

†*469. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made special efforts to promote cultivation of betel leaves on cooperative basis in Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote high labour-intensive cooperative-based farming and agricultural industries; and

(d) if so, the details of the efforts being made in this regard in Bundelkhand?

Utilization of Funds under MGNREGS

*470. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total expenditure of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guaranteed Scheme (MGNREGS) in 2020-21 was Rs. 1,11,443 crore and the Government decided to slash the budget for the scheme around Rs. 71,000 crore for 2021-22 and has not increased the funds in the current year;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that MGNREGS budget was fully utilized during 2021-22;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of less allocation while expecting demand of the scheme on the same lines as of 2022-23;

(d) whether the fund is likely to be infused by supplementary demands in the coming days or States are to empty their coffers for this scheme; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to give grants to States till the alternative arrangements are made to fund the scheme?

Losses suffered by Subsidiaries of NDDB

*471. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some subsidiaries of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) have been suffering losses for many years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for such huge losses suffered by subsidiaries of NDDB; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any corrective steps to check such losses and if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Roads under PMGSY in Bihar

†*472. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads in kilometer constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Bihar during the last three years and the current year, district-wise including Parliamentary Constituency of Valmiki Nagar; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to construct the remaining rural roads under the said yojana in Bihar including Parliamentary Constituency of Valmiki Nagar and if so, the details thereof?

Hostels for Students

*473. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of hostels in the country for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Other Backward Classes (OBCs) including female students, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the State Governments of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for construction of hostel buildings for SC/OBC students during the last three years and if so, the details of proposals received and the number of proposals pending with the Union Government;

(c) the total number of hostels constructed for SC/OBC students during the said period and the number of hostels allotted till date;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal for public private partnership under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has implemented any schemes for construction of hostels through Non-Governmental Organisations and institutions and if so, the details thereof along with the funds granted under these schemes?

Free Coaching Scheme for SC/OBC Students

*474. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding functioning of Free Coaching Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Class (OBC) Students, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of institutes identified to provide coaching to SC and OBC students for various competitive examinations in Telangana;

(c) the details of SC and OBC students benefitted from the above scheme in the country during each of the last two years and the current year in Telangana and Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(d) the number of students who have achieved success by getting seats in professional courses for which they have taken coaching under the above scheme;

(e) the mode of implementation being followed for this scheme currently and since when this mode is being followed; and

(f) the list of coaching institutes currently empanelled under the scheme in Tamil Nadu along with date of empanelment and grant-in-aid received by them under the scheme, district-wise?

Old Age Homes

*475. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:
DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Old Age Homes in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the amount sanctioned, released and utilized for the welfare of Senior Citizens and upkeep of Old Age Homes during the last three years, Scheme and State-wise?

Female Workforce under MGNREGS

*476. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to encompass the maximum female workforce in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) the policy adopted by the Government to skill the female workforce in MGNREGS;

(c) the details of the female workforce who got job under MGNREGS during the last two years; and

(d) whether the Government is sensitizing labour right and right at work place and if so, the details thereof?

Incentives to EV Manufacturing Industry

*477. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS
LALAN SINGH:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES

भारी उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to establish the Electric Vehicle (EV) Manufacturing Industry and if so, the details thereof along with the incentives proposed/granted for the purpose particularly in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the facilities and incentives being offered to EV Manufacturing Industry;

(c) the number of manufacturing units established so far along with the States which already have manufacturing units; and

(d) the details and the number of proposals for EV Manufacturing Units which are pending for clearance and the reasons for delay?

Export of Processed Food

*478. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details of the food items exported from the country during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of processed food exported indicating the State from which these items were exported?

Upgradation of Rural Haats to Gramin Agricultural Markets

†*479. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary promise to upgrade 22,000 Rural Haats to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs) is in progress;

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

(c) whether any strategy has been made for including public-private participation and use of technology to increase the capacity of such Rural Haats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality of Police Service

*480. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to improve the quality of police service and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal for speedy and time bound investigation process in critical cases so as to avoid the slow investigation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to improve the response of police in complaints and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to establish an efficient mechanism for addressing the concerns against the police and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to fix a time limit for the investigation of cases and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has any proposal to check the involvement of police personnel in criminal activities and if so, the details thereof along with the number of police personnel involved in criminal cases and the action taken against those personnel during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

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**LOK SABHA
CORRIGENDUM**

to the List of Questions for **ORAL ANSWERS**
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Question No.	Correction
467	Part (a) line 3: <u>For</u> "Guaranteed" <u>read</u> "Guarantee"

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