

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; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment)

(कृषि और किसान कल्याण; रसायन और उर्वरक; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग; भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम; गृह; आवासन और शहरी कार्य; संसदीय कार्य; सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Promotion of Nutri-Farming

*121. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a pilot programme for promotion of nutri-farming and introducing new crop varieties that are rich in micro-nutrients such as iron-rich bajra, protein-rich maize and zinc-rich wheat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds earmarked for the implementation of this project?

Civic Amenities in Slums

†*122. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds to provide civic amenities in the slums and for development of slums in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey regarding slums in the urban areas and to detect them by adopting Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to provide basic amenities such as healthcare to the people living in the slums in the metropolitans of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Storage Capacity of FCI

†*123. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present godown/storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it has been found in a recent study that the foodgrain production is increasing in the country but a large quantum of foodgrains are getting wasted every year, if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Government to check the wastage of foodgrains and increase the storage capacity of foodgrains to keep foodgrains safely in various States of the country including Bihar and Maharashtra;

(c) whether FCI stores foodgrains in rented godowns also and if so, the annual amount being spent on it;

(d) the details of the quantum of foodgrains damaged in FCI's own godowns as well as the rented private godowns during the last four years, State and godown-wise; and

(e) whether the Government/FCI has proposed to fix responsibility or held anyone responsible for such decay and wastage of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far?

Farmers' Income

*124. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has rolled out new initiatives, schemes, programmes

and plans to benefit all the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the schemes implemented for doubling the farmers' income by 2022 and if so, the shortcomings noticed which create hindrance in doubling the farmers' income;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the shortcomings;

(d) the extent to which these new initiatives, schemes, programmes and plans have improved the quality of life of farmers, especially small and marginal farmers; and

(e) the role of State Governments in implementing the new initiatives, schemes, programmes and plans for the welfare of farmers along with the kind of assistance provided to the State Governments for effective implementation of these schemes?

Theft Cases

*125. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of car thieves arrested in New Delhi area, particularly under Tughlak Road and Lodhi Colony Police Stations during the last year;

(b) the number of cars recovered so far; and

(c) the present status of the cases of theft in the said area including Lodhi Colony Police Station, case-wise?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima
Yojana**

*126. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of success achieved by
the Government in the implementation of
the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
(PMFBY) in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of farmers insured
under the scheme in Jharkhand; and

(c) the types of crops for which
insurance has been sought thereunder and
the amount of insurance money disbursed
till date in this regard?

Technology Innovation Grant

*127. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from
State and Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 lakh
each, the Government would offer an
additional technology innovation grant of
Rs. 2.5 lakh for each house;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that once
innovative technologies have been tested
and proved, these would be included in the
Central Public Works Department list;
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Attack on Religious Congregations

*128. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
investigated the attacks on a religious
congregation in the country;

(b) if so, whether the involvement of
any terrorist organisation was found;

(c) the total number of persons
arrested and the progress of the
investigation; and

(d) the preventive and security
measures taken to thwart such attacks in
future, especially on religious
congregations?

**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada
Yojana**

*129. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of FOOD
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/
granted to Kerala under the Pradhan Mantri
Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) during
the last four years;

(b) the details of funds released to
Kerala under the above scheme during the
said period;

(c) the details of funds yet to be
released;

(d) whether the funds released are
sufficient to achieve the desired objectives;
and

(e) if not, the reaction of the
Government thereto?

Citizenship Amendment Bill

*130. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been protests
in the North-Eastern States against the
Citizenship Amendment Bill and if so, the
details thereof;

(b) the main reasons for the
protests and fears of the people in these
States;

(c) whether the Government recently
had a meeting with the North-Eastern
States to discuss the problems and fears
faced by them in implementation of this
Bill;

(d) if so, the issues raised and
discussed in the meeting; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by
the Government to address the problems
being faced by these States after passing
the said Bill?

Smart Cities Mission

*131. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slums demolished in
selected smart cities for developmental
projects, particularly in Karnataka;

(b) whether guidelines have been
issued to the State Governments to provide
rehabilitation to the people living in slums
before land is acquired for developmental
purposes under Smart Cities Mission and
if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amount
sanctioned, released and utilised so far in
these States under the Mission for
rehabilitation of people living in slums;
and

(d) the details of rehabilitation
projects to be started or under
implementation in those cities, particularly
in Karnataka?

Manual Scavenging

*132. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission
for Safai Karamcharis has ensured payment
of Rs. 10 lakh to 100 families whose
members died as a result of manual
scavenging;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that deaths on
account of manual scavenging continue to
happen across the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to abolish
manual scavenging completely in the
country?

Price Realization by Farmers

*133. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to determine the causes for lower price realization by farmers for various crops like onion, brinjal, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the steps considered to be taken to address the issue of very low price realization for different food crops;

(c) the extent to which the Price Stabilization Fund has fulfilled its mandate in reducing distress selling of agricultural crops; and

(d) whether the Government is considering formation of a permanent commission to provide remedial measures and real time assistance during distress sale and if so, the details thereof?

Smart City Projects

*134. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount spent so far on the Smart City projects along with the heads under which the money has been spent;

(b) the number of smart cities in the country at present; and

(c) the status report of all smart city works undertaken including the deadline for completion of the works?

Calculation of MSP

*135. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for calculating the input cost in agriculture in the country;

(b) the clause adopted for calculation of the MSP;

(c) the details of MSP of various farm produce during the last year; and

(d) whether it is in conformity with the MS Swaminathan Committee's recommendation for giving 1.5 times input cost to the farmers and if so, the details thereof?

Witness Protection Scheme

*136. SHRI C.N. JAYDEVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked the States to implement a scheme framed by the Union Government to protect the witnesses in criminal trials from threat, intimidation and undue influence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has framed such a scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States that have taken steps to implement the scheme so far?

Use of Chemical Fertilizers

*137. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any research to ascertain the extent to which the excessive use of chemical fertilizers destroys soil fertility and causes various types of diseases and other problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the level to which the quality of soil has reduced due to imbalanced use of fertilizers every year, State-wise;

(c) the follow-up action taken by the Government on the findings of the said research;

(d) whether the Government has launched any programme/campaign to create awareness amongst the farmers regarding the effects of imbalanced use of fertilizers and the need to use conventional and harmless fertilizers or the benefits of organic farming and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to check the imbalanced use of fertilizers along with the outcome thereof and the details of the progress report after taking these steps?

Storage of Buffer Stock

*138. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantum of storage of buffer stock fixed by the Government for various food items;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an institution under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to manage the proposed buffer stock of pulses and tackle the problem of food shortage due to crop loss in any year and also price spikes of essential food items; and

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

Milk and Dairy Products

*139. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to discard the idea of creating a buffer stock for milk and dairy products by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB);

(b) whether it is a fact that huge quantum of skimmed milk powder and other dairy products will remain unsold due to this decision and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria for pricing various products sold by NDDB and also the pricing pattern on purchases made from private players by NDDB along with the details thereof?

Procurement of Foodgrains

*140. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Punjab in procurement of foodgrains by the

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Food Corporation of India (FCI) has declined over the years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether FCI is not even procuring the quota decided at the start of the season and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decrease in Punjab's share of procurement has led to adverse financial impact on farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to increase the share of procurement from farmers of Punjab and make the procurement process smooth and easier, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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