

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; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Rural Development; Social Justice and Empowerment)

(कृषि और किसान कल्याण; रसायन और उर्वरक; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी; खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग; भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम; गृह; पंचायती राज; ग्रामीण विकास; सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Branded and Generic Medicines

†*221. SHRI DEEPAK BAJI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the difference in price between branded and generic medicines along with the details of the mechanism for fixation of price of branded medicines manufactured by the companies;

(b) whether the companies are at liberty to fix the prices of branded medicines and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of medicine stores opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana to provide generic medicines to the patients during the last five years, State-wise;

(d) whether medicines are not available in the generic medicine centres due to which patients are forced to buy branded medicines; and

(e) the details of the amount spent for the publicity of the said scheme during the above period?

District Rural Development Agencies

*222. SHRI BALLI DURGA PRASAD RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation and utilization of funds made to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) during the last three years, State-wise including the district-wise details of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any suggestions/complaints have been received to strengthen the DRDAs for their effective functioning and implementation of schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Cold Chain Infrastructure

*223. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of integrated cold chain project/programme and Value Addition Infrastructure;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the objectives for which the programme was launched, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the small scale cold storage plants undertaken by the Government at the village or district level during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of employment generated in the food processing sector through food processing units and mega food projects in the country during the said period; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate cold chain infrastructure in the country?

Policy to Control Farmers' Suicides

*224. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has suggested the Government to bring out a national policy on farmers' suicides in order to ascertain the reasons for their suicides and the need for proper protection of their crops from natural calamities and also for holistic approach for their well-being;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Depot Online System

*225. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) depots/godowns working in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government has introduced the Depot Online System Programme in FCI and CWC;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the programme;

(d) the present status of implementation of the programme and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to check leakage of foodgrains from FCI and CWC godowns?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Construction of Roads under PMGSY

†*226. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads being constructed/ongoing road projects under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Bihar, particularly in Supaul district;

(b) the time by which the construction work of the said roads is likely to be completed;

(c) the number of roads proposed to be constructed in the coming years so as to connect all habitations of Supaul district with all weather roads; and

(d) the details of the mechanism to ensure quality and timely completion of the said roads?

Development of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries

*227. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on animal husbandry,

dairy and fisheries during each of the last four years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the growth rate targets in the animal husbandry sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the various schemes being implemented by the Government for the development of animal husbandry, dairy and poultry in various States during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding the working and performance of various schemes under animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has developed a central monitoring system to implement its schemes properly, if so, the details thereof along with the further steps taken/being taken by the Government for better development of animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries in the country?

Functioning of e-NAM

*228. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of farmers and *mandis* registered with e-NAM, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has faced any challenges in the implementation of the scheme specifically regarding internet connectivity and infrastructure; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address the challenges and expedite the implementation and coverage of the scheme?

Performance of Public Sector Enterprises

*229. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government run Public Enterprises, especially in the sectors where private sector has entered in a big way, have declined in terms of profitability and market share in the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether any fresh and innovative steps are being taken by the Government to improve the performance of these Public Sector Enterprises in the country; and

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

Organic Farming

†*230. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the present status of organic farming in the country; and

(b) the State/UT-wise details of the number of farmers participated in the training workshop organized on organic farming across the country during the last three years and the current year?

Food Processing Plant

†*231. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the proposal for setting up any new 'food processing plant' in the Kurukshetra district of Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Micro and Mini Food Processing Units

*232. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide grants to establish Micro Food Processing units in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof specially in Bihar including Purnia, North-Eastern States and Uttar Pradesh and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to establish Mini Food Parks to benefit small farmers, specially in Bihar including Purnia, North East Region and Uttar Pradesh;

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

(e) whether there is any other scheme pertaining to Food Processing Industries to benefit small and medium farmers and if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy for Solar System for Irrigation

†*233. SHRI BHAGIRATH
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme to provide solar system on subsidy for the irrigation purpose to the farmers;

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

(c) whether the Government has set any targets to provide solar system on subsidy for the irrigation purpose to the farmers during the last two years;

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

(e) whether the Government has fixed any guidelines and formulated any action plan to implement the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Investment in Farm Sector

*234. SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to invest Rs. 25 lakh crore in farm sector in the coming years to boost the agricultural productivity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action plan prepared by the Government in this regard, especially for the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Sustainable Resource Management for Vegetables

†*235. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any long term action plan to acquire sustainable resource management to provide a long-term solution in order to augment the production of green vegetables like onion, potato and tomato in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would result in increase of percentage production of green vegetables and if so, the details thereof?

Forecast of Cyclones

†*236. SHRI GOPAL JEE
THAKUR:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cyclone occurrence is increasing and the Government is unable to make correct forecast regarding cyclones;

(b) whether cyclones cause huge loss to property and life;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement projects to mitigate the risk of cyclones in coastal areas of the country so that the sufferings of the people living in such areas may be ameliorated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Production of Fertilizers

*237. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any increase has been registered in the production of fertilizers during the last three years till date and if so, the extent of increase thereof;

(b) whether new fertilizer plants are being set up as per the growing needs of the future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of plants likely to be set up, State/UT-wise?

Prices of Onion

*238. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH
SHEWALE:
DR. SUJAY
RADHAKRISHNA
VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of onion have been manipulated by the traders' lobby due to laxity of the Government to keep a check on them and its inefficient administration, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether prices of onion have declined drastically in the market, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to procure onion from the farmers directly to ensure better price to the farmers and supply of onion at affordable price during the lean season, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to allow export of onion for better price realisation, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether according to a report- 'Competitive Assessment of Onion Markets in India', the onion trade is unilaterally dictated by traders and middle men and has benefited them the most, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to keep a check on the role of traders' lobby in onion prices and regulate onion market to avoid/pervent steep fluctuation in onion prices; and

(f) the various other steps taken by the Government to provide remunerative price for onions in order to save farmers from the burden of debt?

Promotion of Electric Vehicles

*239. DR. ALOK KUMAR
SUMAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken
steps to promote the manufacturing of
electric vehicles in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of electric vehicles sold
during the last two years;

(d) whether the Government is
providing any subsidy to the consumers to
purchase electric vehicles in the country;
and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Food Corporation of India

†*240. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC
DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण
मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of the
Food Corporation of India suspended
during the period from the year 2016
to June 2019;

(b) whether more than half of such
suspended officers have been taken
back into service and if so, the reasons for
taking such suspended officers back into
service;

(c) whether such an action on the part
of the Government is not encouraging
corruption and if so, the reaction of the
Government thereto; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by
the Government in this regard?

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