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

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

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Amendment of Consumer Protection (E-commerce) Rules, 2020

*301. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed changes to the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020 and as a part of which it suggested a ban on flash sales where technology is used to enable only a specific seller or a group of sellers managed by the e-commerce company to sell goods or services on its platform;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such proposal;

(c) whether the Government has tried to gauge the impact of banning flash sales on the consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons why the rights of consumers or buyers are taken for granted in these changes?

Roadmap for Cooperative Sector

*302. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
SHRI ANNASHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to develop a roadmap for effective utilization of the potential of the cooperative sector in all parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government intends to formulate a plan in the near future;

(c) whether the Government has any specific plans in certain States like Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra which have beginner's advantages to promote cooperative ecosystem in particular sectors like dairy, sugar, etc. to boost the economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Role of Agricultural Exports in Doubling the Farmers' Income

†*303. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objective of agricultural exports is to double the income of farmers by the year 2022 through the export of agricultural products;

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has focussed on ensuring the participation of State Governments in the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Use of Biofertilizers and Pesticides

*304. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of biofertilizers and pesticides used in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to stop the use of chemical pesticides and if so, the necessary steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) the details of steps taken to enable farmers to access biofertilizers and pesticides easily and locally; and

(d) whether any specific funds have been allotted and incentives given by the Government for promotion of production and use of biofertilizers and pesticides in the country and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Ease of Doing Business

*305. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has been entrusted with the responsibility to streamline processes for 'Ease of doing business' for cooperatives and enable development of Multi-State Cooperatives in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the problem of pseudo cooperative financial companies launched by some big corporate houses to siphoning public money from commercial venture to cooperative society;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has been informed by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) regarding investment of any such Group which is being converted into other schemes like cooperative or other multipurpose societies of the same group; and

(e) if so, the status of investigation and action taken by the Government thereon?

Wastage of Foodgrains

†*306. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge quantity of foodgrains gets rotten/wasted/spoiled each year due to shortage of godowns/food storage capacity in Food Corporation of India (FCI) and warehouses of Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) in the country, if so, the details thereof including the value/quantity of foodgrains wasted/spoiled during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise,

(b) the top five food items/foodgrains wasted along with the reasons for their wastage;

(c) whether any accountability has been fixed for these losses/damages, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken and targets fixed to prevent above losses and also for increasing the storage capacity of the warehouses;

(e) whether any new godowns/warehouses have been constructed during the last three years using scientific methodology to check wastage of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the districts of Jahanabad and Arwal in Bihar have excess storage capacity of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof?

Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income

*307. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income which is also the implementing agency for its recommendations has come out with practical and noteworthy recommendations for doubling farmers' income;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government feels that the Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income should be awarded the status of a statutory body as a mark of recognition for the phenomenal work it has done and to further add inputs for the betterment of the farming community at large; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

*308. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of villages adopted under the first phase of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in Maharashtra;

(b) the status of drinking water, toilets, power, roads, telephone connectivity and construction of immovable assets in these villages along with inspection reports thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the progress of works being undertaken in villages under the second phase of the Yojana is satisfactory, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(d) the details of the expenditure incurred and assets created under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the first and second phases of the Yojana, State-wise and village-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has given any direction to the State Governments for taking necessary steps to extend works under the said model villages and if so, the details thereof?

Storage Facility for Agricultural Produce

*309. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
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 proposes to provide adequate storage facility for agricultural produce and if so, the action taken thereon;

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(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that farmers are facing difficulties due to lack of storage facility and if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct sufficient storage facility in the country considering the demands of farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof particularly in Rajasthan;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide interest-free loans to farmers for building sufficient storage facility;

(f) if so, the details of the action taken thereon; and

(g) the details of the action taken by the Government during the last five years for making more storage facilities for agricultural produce?

Growth of FPI

*310. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of items which make major contribution to the Food Processing Industry (FPI);

(b) the growth pattern of FPI in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the role of the Government in the growth of FPI?

Return over Cost of Cultivation

*311. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy adopted by the Government aimed at a return over the cost of cultivation;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the hike in Minimum Support Price (MSP) among the distressed farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities and Corruption in Procurement of Paddy

*312. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

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 complaints received about the irregularities and corruption in procurement of paddy across the country, especially from the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the reasons for these irregularities; and

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

Impact of Coastal Erosion on Fisheries

*313. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the struggle of fishermen families due to fast rising coastal erosion in the country;

(b) whether the Government sought report from the States to review the impact of coastal erosion and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas which are most affected with coastal erosion, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware that coastal areas in the State of Kerala are worst hit and majority of shoreline has been eroded and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government will consider special assistance to the State for effective preventive measures in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Payment of Sugarcane Dues

*314. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH: SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is huge delay in making payments to sugarcane growers by sugar mills;

(b) if so, the details along with the total number of farmers who have received late payment from the sugar mills during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure that sugarcane growers are paid their arrears by sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Toxic Waste from Chemical Factories

*315. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of regular and toxic waste generated by the factories in the chemical and industrial areas of Telangana annually;

(b) whether any protocol has been set up by the Government to regularly check compliance with the prescribed disposal system of toxic waste by these companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any action has been taken against the companies which are not complying with the prescribed disposal method of toxic waste; and

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

Sugar Mills in UP

*316. SHRI SHYAM SINGH 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 sugar mills in the State of Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government has shut down sugar mill in Shahganj assembly constituency of Jaunpur district;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government intends to set up new sugar mill in Jaunpur district or revive the presently shut sugar mill in Shahganj assembly constituency of Jaunpur district; and

(e) if so, the time by which the Government intends to do the same?

Reservation to Persons with Speech and Language Disability

*317. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:
SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS
MAHANT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that no compulsory reservation has been provided to the persons with speech and language disability as per section 34 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 despite being recognized as a specified disability under it and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that most Government organizations do not provide any reservation to them since this disability does not fall under the minimum reservation criteria of the above Act and if so, the details thereof?

Categorisation of Farmers

*318. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has categorized the farmers into small, marginal, Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Other Backward Class (OBC) farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the average size of agricultural land holdings in the country is small and marginal and also un-remunerative to the farmers and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the steps taken to improve productivity thereof;

(c) whether as per India Rural Development Report, the income from the farming sector is insufficient for 85 per cent farmers households in the country and if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether any low cost effective technique has been developed by Agriculture Research Institutes for small land holdings and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps taken/being taken for providing such technique and assistance to the small and marginal farmers and the measures being taken to make small land holdings more feasible?

Increase in Stray Cattle

*319. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of stray cattle has been on the increase recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof from 2012 to 2020, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government is planning to use stray cattle as surrogates to produce high variety cattle; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Census 2021

*320. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there will be any changes or any additional information required in the 2021 Census as compared to previous editions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether information obtained from the 2021 Census will be used for the preparation of any other databases, such as the National Register of Citizens and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will be disclosed to respondents before obtaining the information for the Census and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there will be significant delay in the release of the information that is collected and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated release dates of the different sets of data that are compiled for the Census?

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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