

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Food Processing Industries; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Rural Development; Social Justice and Empowerment)

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

Promotion of Fisheries

†*41. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES

पशुपालन, डेयरी और मात्स्यिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether awareness towards fish farming has increased in Bihar particularly Nalanda district and it is the topmost district of Bihar in terms of fish farming and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of assistance being provided to farmers for promotion of fish farming;

(c) whether the Government is proposing to start any policy/programme for the financial assistance for promotion of fish farming, if so, the details thereof

and the time by which this policy/programme is going to be implemented; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to provide special financial assistance including interest free loan to farmers engaged in fish farming in view of requirement of large quantum of water in fish farming and expensive diesel and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Agriculture

*42. SHRI RAJ KUMAR CHAHAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been drawn by the Government to promote agriculture in the special requirement area including Fatehpur-Sikri which has difficult

terrain and semi-arid characteristics and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any new types of seeds have been developed for such areas which have high-yield and less water requirements; and

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

Crop Insurance Schemes

*43. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request to make the crop insurance optional rather than mandatory for farmers;

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

(c) the details of the claim settlement ratio under the present crop insurance scheme in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that making crop insurance mandatory for crop loanees has severely affected the farmers economically due to less claim settlements and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Agriculture University in Meghalaya

*44. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status of the Agriculture University in Meghalaya; and

(b) the number of students enrolled in the Agriculture College, Barapani every year during the last two years along with the details of courses undertaken at the college?

Remunerative Price to Farmers

*45. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have received remunerative prices for their produce under the agricultural price policy keeping in view the high inflation during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of oilseeds, pulses and cotton has been implemented across the country;

(d) if so, the details of procurement of farmers' produce under the said scheme when the prices of the produce fell below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the said period; and

(e) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide adequate price to farmers for their produce?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Protection of Cows

†*46. SHRI RAVINDRA SHYAM
NARAYAN SHUKLA
ALIAS RAVI KISHA:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of ANIMAL
HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND
FISHERIES

पशुपालन, डेयरी और मात्स्यिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the policy of the Government with respect to protection of cows;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to open 'gaushala(s)' in every district;
- (c) if so, the time by which these are likely to be set up; and
- (d) the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Prioritising Sectors under PDS

†*47. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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 areas under Public Distribution System for which there is a provision to give priority by the Government;
- (b) whether the Government has made any provision to provide special assistance considering the present situation of drought in various parts of the country; and
- (c) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Revamping of Major Welfare Schemes

*48. SHRI SRIRANGA APPA
BARNE:
DR. PRITAM
GOPINATHRAO
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revamp its major welfare schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time schedule framed therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has estimated the expenditure to be incurred on revamping of major welfare schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the financial burden likely to be borne by the Central and the State Governments?

Setting-up of Food Processing Industries

*49. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of FOOD
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for setting-up/expansion of food processing industries in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding setting-up and expansion of such industries in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government for expansion of food processing industries in the country?

Impact of Flood on Dairy Industry in Kerala

*50. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of ANIMAL
HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND
FISHERIES

पशुपालन, डेयरी और मात्स्यिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the severe impact on the dairy industry in Kerala following the floods in 2018;
- (b) whether the Government is further seized of the losses suffered by the industry of approximately Rs. 400 crore and the reduction of milk production to half of its previous capacity;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is planning to introduce a special package to support the dairy sector of Kerala and take measures to recoup the losses in the sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Delimitation in J&K

*51. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) had not been included in the

delimitation exercise undertaken in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government is considering to undertake delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir with a view to remove regional imbalance in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the work related to constitution of Delimitation Commission is likely to be completed;

(d) the details of the present voting population in Jammu and Kashmir separately; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to hold election in the State only after delimitation, if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which a people's representative Government is likely to be established in Jammu and Kashmir?

Fertilizer Subsidy

*52. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy given by the Government to various fertilizer companies in the public, private and co-operative sectors in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(b) whether the farmers are not benefited by the grant of subsidy to the fertilizer companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the farmers get the benefit of subsidy granted to the fertilizer companies?

Construction of Roads under PMGSY

*53. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has identified the roads for construction by giving priority to the roads in the most backward areas in Mishrikh Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these roads are proposed to be constructed?

Damage by Cyclone Fani

*54. DR. SUKANTA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a severe cyclonic storm 'Fani' has struck several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the impact of the cyclone on farmers/fishermen and the details of losses suffered and the names of States that have

been severely affected along with the report of damage to property, crops, fishing equipments and the number of people killed, injured and missing, State-wise;

(c) the number of NDRF and ODRAF personnel deployed and the number of persons rescued;

(d) whether the Government has sent Central teams to assess the damage and if so, the outcome thereof, State-wise including Odisha and West Bengal and recommended allocation of funds to farmers for the crop losses and damages, the amount of relief sought by the affected States and the assistance provided/likely to be provided and compensation to the farmers and fishermen by the Government, State-wise;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for co-ordination of all the concerned departments of Central/State Governments to minimize the losses due to such type of calamities in future; and

(f) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any concrete steps to provide a permanent solution with the latest technological support and financial support to farmers to combat the wrath of cyclones which affects the States every year?

Promotion of Organic Farming

*55. SHRI HIBI EDEN:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the farmers who are producing organic

produce are struggling due to poor policy measures, rising input costs and limited market and if so, the details of the measures taken by the Government to promote organic farming in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any special package for farmers who are doing organic farming in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to encourage organic farming in the country;

(c) the details of directions if any, to State Governments for encouraging organic farming among the rural farmers and awareness camps organised in this regard, State-wise including Karnataka;

(d) whether the Government has an effective mechanism to control the balanced use of pesticides/toxic chemicals in production of agricultural produce including fruits and vegetables and if so, the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to review the organic farming sector and if so, the action plan of the Government in this regard?

Kharif Crop Loss in Andhra Pradesh

*56. SHRI BALASHOWRY
VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Team visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the Kharif Crop loss in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the State has put the loss at Rs. 1,869 crore in 13.6 lakh hectares;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for exempting input subsidy for agriculture; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Enrolment in Crop Insurance Schemes

*57. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of farmers enrolled in the crop insurance scheme, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) as on date in various States including Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has decided to make Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana voluntary for the loanee farmer and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to avoid fall in the enrolment of farmers under the scheme;

(d) whether a margin (Premium minus compensation paid) of Rs. 15,975 crore was made by insurance companies in the fiscal years of 2016-17 and 2017-18 under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is true that the current structure of the insurance scheme gives undue advantage to the insurance companies to benefit from the State exchequer; and

(f) if so, whether the Government is ready to control this and make PMFBY a purely farmers' welfare scheme?

Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation

†*58. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the People's representatives Members of Parliament from Maharashtra had held any discussion with the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Sub-Mission on agricultural mechanisation on 16th February, 2015;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any remedial steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sub-categorisation of OBCs

*59. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

NEW DELHI;

June 19, 2019

Jyaishtha 29, 1941 (Saka)

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) into groups to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formed any Commission to work out this sub-categorisation of OBCs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of PSUs

*60. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any Public Sector Undertakings/Enterprises in Chikkodi area of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to set up a PSU suitable to the area keeping in view the availability of skilled and unskilled manpower in the vicinity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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