

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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)

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Training of IPS Officers

4371. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that 119 of the 122 Indian Police Service (IPS) officers of 2016 batch have failed in one or more subjects they took before graduation from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of IPS officers who have taken one or more attempts to pass the necessary exam at the above police academy during the last ten years, year-wise; and

(d) the reasons that despite failing in the above exam, officers graduated from SVPNPA?

Permission for Religious Programmes

4372. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many of the organizing committees of religious functions like Ramlila, Durga Puja, etc. face hurdles and delays due to the unnecessary objections and long process of NOCs from various departments like the horticulture department in CPWD, police authorities, etc. for park bookings, etc. especially in the Government colonies due to which these functions cannot be held in a proper manner in various cases, especially in the NCT of Delhi;

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

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to ease up the process for

timely permission to these organizing committees for efficient and smooth organizations of these religious functions; and

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

Assistance to Rajasthan

†4373. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sanction the funds demanded by the State Government of Rajasthan in its memorandum keeping in view the actual number of farmers on the basis of Girdawari Report of the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in Agricultural loans

†4374. SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether loan being given to the agriculture sector is increasing continuously during the recent years; and

(b) if so, the percentage increase in loans provided to the agriculture sector during each of the last three years?

Consumer Protection Act

4375. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

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 proposes to amend the Consumer Protection Act to recall food items which do not meet the requisite standards of Bureau of Indian Standards and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Eradication of Women Trafficking

4376. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to eradicate the trafficking of women in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring in 33% reservation for women in Police Force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Leprosy Patients

†4377. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously considering the rehabilitation of leprosy patients and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Combating Human Trafficking

4378. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to combat trafficking for labour, exploitation of children in the form of child beggary, child labour, forcing children in commercial sexual exploitation along with the steps taken in terms of rescue, rehabilitation, skill development, provision of alternative livelihood options to the freed survivors of this crime;

(b) the budget allocation and expenditures for the aforesaid measures during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has a detailed action plan to address the need for psycho-social re-integration and economic restoration of victims of human trafficking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Auction of Onions

4379. SHRI A.

ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MSTC Ltd. would start reverse auction for onions to aid farmers who have been reeling under price crash following bumper production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the MSTC is in talks to engage more buyers and other organised retailers to create demand for the onions grown in many parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of Vehicles

4380. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sales of four wheelers and two wheelers have dipped during the last three and half years from 2016-17 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since July 2018 to October 2018, car sales were low in comparison to the corresponding period of last year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

Kidnapping of Tribal Women

4381. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the reports appearing in the media regarding tribal girls from the State of Jharkhand being regularly kidnapped and forced into slavery to serve as surrogate mothers to produce children in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any mafia-like gang is involved in this kind of trafficking;

(c) if so, whether any criminal case has been registered under relevant penal provisions of IPC and culprits have been arrested;

(d) if so, the number of such cases registered during the last three years; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure that no kidnapping of tribal women takes place?

Use of Good Quality Material

4382. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making huge investment in developing transport infrastructure including roads, bridges, flyovers, etc. in the country;

(b) if so, whether there have been media reports recently regarding inferior quality of material being produced by many producers, particularly of steel sector despite having BIS Licenses;

(c) whether the Government would ensure usage of good quality material like steel and cement in infrastructure projects in view of the fact that a large part of the Indian subcontinent comes under seismic zones 4 and 5 (highly vulnerable to earthquakes);

(d) if so, whether the Government would ensure that Government bodies/undertakings like CPWD, MES, NHAI, etc. use good quality material which are adequately tested for quality before using them in these structures built by them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund

4383. SHRI MAGANTTI VENKATESWARA RAO (BABU):

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had established Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund;

(b) the amount of funds granted to the States, particularly to Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the reasons for the creation of this fund?

NGOs in Animal Welfare

4384. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of animal welfare NGOs registered as Societies/Trusts/VO (Voluntary Organisations)/Charitable Organisations allotted or rented land/premises/built-up space/shops by the DDA for carrying out animal relief/rehabilitation work or associated activity related to stray and distressed animals in Delhi;

(b) whether DDA has factored or ensured and enforced strict adherence to maintenance of civic hygiene and environmental conditions on the tenant NGOs to prevent outbreak of vector or other contagious communicable diseases from these shelters in the terms and conditions governing the rental/lease of such space to these NGOs/Societies/Trusts/VO (Voluntary Organisations)/Charitable Organisations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any regular monitoring to ensure cleanliness or safe human environmental conditions is/ or has been undertaken by DDA, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any organisations failing to maintain safe human/civic environmental standards have been penalized, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation from Central Pool

4385. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

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 allocation of foodgrains to Madhya Pradesh from the central pool during the last four years, month-wise/quarter-wise; and

(b) whether the State Government has made any demand to enhance allocation of foodgrains to the State, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the demand?

Production of Cotton

†4386. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rank of India among the cotton producer countries in the world;

(b) the quantum of cotton production in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to prepare any scheme to promote cotton production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Creamy Layer

†4387. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Junior Management Grade Scale-1 and above of Public Sector Banks, Financial Institutions and Insurance Corporations will be equivalent to Group 'A' in Government of India and they will be considered as creamy layer;

(b) whether the parity of Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' officers and employees of Public Sector has not been decided and by bringing them within the scope of category six of income/property and by adding their salary as income, they will be deprived of the reservation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy for Houses

†4388. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Government for subsidy to provide houses to poor jhuggi dwellers in urban areas during the last three years as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has allocated funds for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Construction of Toilets

4389. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized for the construction of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) and Public Toilet (PT) in urban areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for effective Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and public awareness under Swachh Bharat Mission, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the demand for Public Toilets (PT);

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

(e) the details of Public Toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission during the said period, State-wise?

Use of Social Media by Terrorists

4390. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the militants in Jammu and Kashmir are using WhatsApp and Facebook for terrorist activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the WhatsApp and Facebook Authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) if not, the time by which action will be taken in this regard to tackle terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir?

Model Police Bill

4391. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to table the Model Police Bill, 2015 in the Parliament;

(b) if so, whether the Government intends to hold a process of pre-legislative public consultation on the Bill before it is tabled; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of Foodgrains to Tamil Nadu

4392. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

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 made any special allocation of foodgrains and kerosene supply to Tamil Nadu to meet their high demands especially after every

cyclone hits in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the foodgrains and kerosene allocated and disbursed in the last four years to Tamil Nadu, year-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has increased the supply of foodgrains and kerosene as requested by the Government of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

Electric Vehicles

†4393. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated regarding electric vehicles in the country;

(b) whether the present policy is not at par with the global standards;

(c) whether there is need to make changes in the present policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take appropriate steps to promote the use of eco-friendly vehicles in the country?

Food Processing Cluster

4394. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government set up food processing industries/clusters in the country in various States including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the plans to set up such industries in rural areas of the country; and

(c) the incentives being provided by the Union Government for setting up of food processing industries by the private players?

Soil Health Cards and Soil Test Labs

4395. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target to cover all the farmers under the Soil Healthcard scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the achievement of the scheme till date, the details thereof;

(c) whether the soil health cards are made available to the farmers to receive the benefits, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has set up adequate number of Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) in the States to facilitate farmers;

(e) if so, whether all the Soil Testing Labs in the country are functional to provide services to farmers;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Database of NCBC, NCSC and NCST

4396. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) have planned to maintain a database of complaints/grievances and their status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Subsidy on Fertilizers

†4397. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subsidy being provided on various fertilizers to farmers/fertilizer companies in public, private and co-operative sector during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to transfer fertilizer subsidy directly into the bank accounts of farmers on the lines of LPG subsidy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of farmers likely to be benefited therefrom; and

(d) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Pollution of Agri-land in Gujarat

4398. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has plans to protect Agriculture land from the industrial chemical effluents in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cyclone Warning Dissemination Systems

4399. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that five Cyclone Warning Dissemination Systems (CWDS) in Kerala are dysfunctional, which adversely affects the State from implementing disaster management activities under the Disaster Management Act and the National Disaster Management Plan, 2016;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make these CWDS operational and to establish CWDS in all fishing landing centres in Kerala, as requested by the State Government, in its communication to the Home Secretary on 6.10.2018;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to upgrade the Cyclone Warning Centre in Kerala to an Area Cyclone Warning Centre, as requested by the State

Government in its communication to the Home Secretary on 6.10.2018;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Agricultural Schemes in Kerala

4400. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under various agricultural schemes for the State of Kerala during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released under various schemes for the State of Kerala during the last three years; and

(c) the details of funds yet to be released to the State of Kerala under these schemes?

NHM in Chhattisgarh

†4401. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether eight districts of Chhattisgarh namely Janjgir-Champa, Mahasamund, Dhamtari, Dantewada, Kanker, Bijapur, Narayanpur and Sukma have not been included in the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) even today;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has requested the Union Government to include the said eight

districts in the National Horticulture Mission;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether inclusion of new districts is likely to put more burden on the limited resources;

(f) if so, whether it is also true that due to non-inclusion of new districts in the National Horticulture Mission (NHM), the Government is not able to remove disparity in the agriculture and farmers welfare sector; and

(g) if not, the time by which such districts of the country are likely to be included in the National Horticulture Mission?

Urea Import

†4402. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy/norms fixed by the Government for the agencies importing urea from the foreign countries along with the time-limit, if any, fixed for the said import;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints or noticed any shortcomings against any agency importing urea; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Terrorist Attacks

†4403. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorist attacks carried out in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country from the year 2014 till date along with the loss of life and property reported due to these attacks;

(b) the action taken by the Government from the year 2014 till date to check the terrorist incidents in the country along with the details thereof; and

(c) the guidelines issued or laws amended by the Government to check the terrorist incidents from the year 2014 till date?

Operational Casualties in CAPF

4404. SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operational casualties of Jawans and Officers of CAPF for the period 2014-2018, year-wise;

(b) whether the number of terrorist attacks has decreased post demonetization for the period 2017-18;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the facilities being extended by the Government to the families of the deceased?

De-Addiction Centres

4405. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of de-addiction centres opened in the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open new de-addiction centres in the country including Kerala in the current year;

(c) if so, the names of the locations identified in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the total amount allocated for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

Assistance under BADP

†4406. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent so far on the development of villages located along with the international border of the country under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds spent so far on the development of villages of Bihar along the Nepal border under the said programme during the said period;

(c) whether projects/schemes are run in bordering villages under this programme and there is partnership of State Government also in these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fixation of Price of Medicines

†4407. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to fix the prices of costly medicines with a view to providing affordable medicines to patients;

(b) if so, the details of such medicines, the prices of which are proposed to be fixed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Killing of Maoists in Encounters

4408. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 177 Maoists have been killed in encounters upto August, 2018 mainly in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli and Chhattisgarh's Sukma;

(b) whether it is also true that 135 Maoists were killed in this region in 2017, 221 in 2016 and 102 in 2015;

(c) whether it is also true that the IEDs and spikes are increasingly being used by Maoists to thwart the movement of forces in the jungles;

(d) whether it is a fact that the CRPF recovered 11 IEDs and 464 spikes in Chhattisgarh till October, 2018; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Sub-Categorization of OBCs

4409. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a panel constituted by the Union Government to look into the sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) has been given 4th extension in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the composition and terms of reference of the Commission;

(c) the reasons for delay in submitting its report;

(d) whether the Commission has now suggested a fresh survey for determining the 'relative population' of different castes included in the Central list of OBCs;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said survey is likely to be completed; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for equitable distribution of the benefits of the OBCs reservation in Central Government jobs and admission in Central Government institutions among all strata of OBCs?

Survey on NSQ

4410. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a survey for Spurious and Non-Standard Quality Drugs (NSQ);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the agencies or organizations involved in this survey;

(d) the total expenditure incurred for the survey against the budgetary provision made; and

(e) the details of the outcome of the survey?

Navratna Status to PSUs

4411. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of PSUs awarded navratna status during the last ten years;

(b) the number of PSUs, out of them, incurring losses; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government for revival of these loss making PSUs?

Anti-Human Trafficking Measures

4412. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technique has been devised by the Government to ensure regular monitoring and checking in various modes of transport like bus, trains, etc. to prevent child trafficking incidents in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stock of Wheat and Rice

4413. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

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 procurement, allocation/sale and surplus/unsold stock of wheat and rice in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the foodgrains were imported or exported during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the quantum and the import and export prices of the said foodgrains?

Closure of Private and Public Industries

4414. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private and public industries closed in the country and the number of industries incurring losses during the last one year alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals to restart these industries or to make them profitable, if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the said proposals;

(c) the details and the number of people whose employment got directly or indirectly affected due to closing of such industries; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to make such industries profitable and to restart the closed industries?

Disaster Preparedness

4415. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is ready at present to deal with any kind of natural calamity like earthquake and Tsunami;

(b) if so, the details of the level of preparedness to deal with such challenges; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the last three years?

Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF)

4416. 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 Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) is being practiced in various States of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ZBNF is a method of farming where the cost of growing and harvesting plants is zero and farmers need not purchase fertilizers and pesticides in order to ensure the healthy growth of crops;

(c) if so, whether the Government has made any study to assess the impact of ZBNF practices in improving soil fertility, if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(d) the details of the total area of land being cultivated under ZBNF;

(e) whether steps are being taken by the Government to declare Bundelkhand as Natural Farming Zone, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether any training programme is being conducted for creating awareness and to educate farmers about ZBNF and Central grant is being given to the States to promote this technique; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bundelkhand region?

Contribution of Agricultural Research Institutes

†4417. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural research and development institutes are functioning for the development of agriculture in Madhya Pradesh;

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

(c) the details of the works carried out by the said institutes for the development of agriculture during the last three years?

Fall in Rabi Crop Sowing

4418. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the weak monsoon in September and October coupled with a delay in the northeast monsoon has led to a fall in rabi sowing this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that lower cash in hands of farmers has also impacted rabi sowing this year;

(d) whether it is also true that the gross output for nine out of fourteen key crops has seen a decline between September 1 and December 15, 2018; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Welfare Schemes

4419. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/ granted under various schemes of the Ministry, especially Integrated Programme for Older Persons and Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse to Karnataka during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released under various schemes to the State during the said period; and

(c) the details of funds yet to be released to the State?

Maoist Violence

4420. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maoists abducted 10 employees of a road contractor and burnt 14 of their vehicles in Etapalli of Gadchiroli recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that this incident was a part of the Naxal People's Liberation Guerrilla Army week which began on 2.12.2018; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Use of Pesticides

†4421. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's use of pesticides is about 76 per cent as against the world average of 44 per cent, if not, the details thereof *vis-a-vis* other countries;

(b) whether the guidelines issued by the registration committee, which governs the import and production of pesticides, promotes more and more use of fertilizers and if so, whether the Government has raised any objection in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated any stringent rules regarding organic farming as against the said guidelines which promotes the use of fertilizers?

Income of Farmers in Jharkhand

†4422. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the income of the farmers is decreasing over time in comparison to inflation in Jharkhand;

(b) the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to increase the income of the farmers of Jharkhand along with the names of the Centrally sponsored schemes; and

(d) the outcome of the said efforts?

Conversion of Religion

4423. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of individuals/families are converting from one religion to another religion across the country to save/safeguard themselves from atrocities/tortures by the other castes/communities by sacrificing their reservation rights in education and jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to change their community/caste at the time of conversion of religion; and

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

Cement Corporation of India

4424. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many units of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) except a few, have been closed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the functional CCI units regarding their profits;

(d) whether the employees of CCI in Assam, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh have not been given 3rd Pay Revision of IDA Pay Scale *w.e.f.* 1.1.2017;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the extra financial burden in case the Pay Scale Benefits are given to these employees; and

(f) the total number of employees likely to be benefited by such a decision?

Inaction by Departmental Employees

†4425. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the departmental employees are negligent in providing facilities to farmers under various agriculture and horticulture schemes;

(b) whether there is any provision to provide benefits to the farmers within stipulated time under various agriculture and horticulture schemes after submitting applications online, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether no action is being taken by the departmental employees on the online applications submitted under various agriculture and horticulture schemes for a long time in Bikaner Division of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to implement the various agriculture and horticulture schemes expeditiously and provide benefits to the farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Overcharging for Angioplasty

4426. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government is aware that private hospitals still continue to overcharge from parents for angioplasty despite the fact that the Government has slashed the prices of cardiac stents to the tune of 75 per cent;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority in this regard against such hospitals;

(c) whether the Government has taken any action against the said hospitals; and

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

PEG Scheme

4427. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and salient features of Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme implemented by FCI;

(b) whether the Government has allocated adequate funds for creating additional/Modern Storage Capacity under the said scheme, if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the achievements of the scheme since its inception in 2008;

(d) whether the Government proposes to cover every State under the said scheme so as to increase the storage capacity of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps for augmenting the storage capacity

in PPP mode, to take care of increasing levels of production/procurement of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the overall storage capacity required for central pool food grains in the country, during normal procurement season?

Drought Situation in the Country

4428. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 235 of the 630 districts in the Country have faced deficit of 20 per cent or more rain during the current monsoon season so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of districts which received excess, normal and less rain after the onset of current monsoon;

(d) whether due to shortfall of rain, these districts are bracing for acute drought situation in the coming months;

(e) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for expected drought facing districts in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on kharif crop production?

Infrastructure on LAC

4429. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads in kilometres constructed by the Government along the LAC per year for the past three years to improve connectivity and accessibility;

(b) the details of roads commissioned to the Border Road Organisation (BRO) and the length (in kilometres) of such road whose construction have been delayed along with the reasons for such delay, area-wise;

(c) the measures taken to ensure steady supply of essentials like food and ammunition to the troops posted in remote locations;

(d) the number of ceasefire violations reported during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the number of intrusions carried out by Pakistani militants in Kashmir in the last year along with the organisations they were identified with?

Recommendation of NCSC

4430. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recommendations given by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) pursuant to unstarred question Nos. 4084 & 2852 answered in Lok Sabha on 19.12.2011 & 13.3.2018 respectively have been neglected by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to safeguard the seniority

of MTNL officers belonging to Scheduled Castes, promoted earlier than the General/OBC candidates by virtue of rule of reservation, as per DoP&T guidelines issued pursuant to 85th Constitution Amendment Act, 2001?

Allocation under different Schemes

†4431. 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) whether the Government has reduced allocations under Public Distribution System (PDS), Targeted PDS, Antyodaya Anna Yojana and other welfare schemes for various States;

(b) the details of allocations and lifting of various commodities under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, goods-wise, scheme-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether some State Governments have urged the Union Government to re-instate their original quota and or allocate additional quota to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

LDF Mobile App

4432. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Livestock Disease Forewarning-Mobile Application (LDF-

Mobile App) is well used by the farmers across the country;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) the details of usage of the app State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has successfully managed any disease outbreaks with this app; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme

4433. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and salient features of the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS);

(b) whether the Government has any record regarding the number of proposals received, approved and the amount granted under the DDRS during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, year and category-wise?

Authenticity of Organic Foods

4434. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether not all organic food in the market is 100 per cent organic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether groundwater pollution is one of the major causes of chemicals seeping into crops, raising a big question on how organic any food produced in India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of organic produce in the country are on the higher side in comparison to the non-organic produce, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government plans to support production and marketing of organic produce in the country to reduce their cost/price if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Revival of Paper Mills

4435. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revive Cachar Paper Mill and Nagaon Paper Mill of Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited (HPCL);

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

(c) whether the Government owes any dues to HPCL employees towards their salary and other allowances;

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

(e) whether the Government has any plans for awarding any financial package to clear the dues of employees; and

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

Measures for Dairy Farmers

4436. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI: DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the distress being faced by dairy farmers in the country and if so, the details of the measures proposed to provide assistance to the dairy farmers;

(b) whether the Government is considering to provide loans at low rate of interest to dairy farmers of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received several proposals from various States including Gujarat for expanding the dairy programmes;

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the production of dairy products in the country?

Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana

†4437. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana in the country to boost agricultural production;

(b) if so, the outlines prepared by the Government under this scheme along with the details thereof including in Jharkhand; and

(c) the details regarding the benefits likely to reach the farmers through this scheme, and the likely impact of this scheme on the farm produces State-wise?

Investment in Food Processing Sector

4438. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the food wastage is estimated to be Rs. 1 lakh crore per year;

(b) whether it is also true that the enhanced investment in food processing sector could reduce food wastage in the country;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to focus on retailers directly procuring farm produce from farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Farmers and Horticulturists

†4439. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study regarding the number and condition of landless farmers and horticulturists in the country including Rajasthan;

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

Sugar Export

4440. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

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 fixed sugar export targets by allocating mill-wise minimum indicative export quota during the current year and if so, the details thereof, mill-wise;

(b) whether most of the sugar mills have failed to comply with the norms so far and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Government has warned action against sugar mills for failure to export the allocated quantum of sugar during the current season;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the sugar mills thereto; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the liquidity of the sugar mills to facilitate them for clearance of cane price arrears of the farmers?

Ease of doing Agri-Business

4441. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism for reducing the cost of farm inputs by distributing soil health cards and encouraging organic farming and micro-irrigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any intention to rank States on 'ease of doing agri-business';

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it has wider ambit compared to NITI Aayog's Agricultural Marketing and Farm Friendly Reforms Index, which ranks States based on their implementation of such reforms; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

AMRUT Scheme

4442. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of AMRUT Scheme along with the names of cities identified under the said scheme since its inception including funds allocated/utilized thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the progress under the scheme is slow in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the funds allocated and utilized and the State share released towards the

scheme, city and component-wise with respect to Karnataka; and

(d) the measures taken to improve the progress under this scheme along with the achievements thereof?

Tehbazari in NDMC

4443. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted/rules prescribed with regard to transfer of allotted tehbazari under the control of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) areas in the name of family members (legal heirs) of the allotted person of tehbazari;

(b) the name of the applicants including allottee of M-Block Tehbazari, Janpath who have submitted their requests so far for transfer of Tehbazari on legal heir basis in their names of Janpath area including area of Indian Oil Building site along with the present status of each application;

(c) the documents required for transforming of Tehbazari in the name of legal heirs of street vendors of the said site; and

(d) the efforts made/being made by the Government to clear the pending requests and the time by which such requests are likely to be cleared, case-wise?

Aadhaar Card for PDS

4444. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aadhaar Card is still compulsory for procurement of foodgrains from the Public Distribution System and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of incidents, if any, of starvation deaths caused by denial of access to PDS ration due to lack of Aadhaar number; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana in Gujarat

4445. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who are provided facilities under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana in Gujarat along with the details of the said facilities;

(b) the number of farmers who have received benefits under the said Yojana in Jamnagar region of Gujarat; and

(c) the details of facilities provided to the farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana?

Seed Import-Export Portal

4446. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched seed import-export portal to facilitate export and import of seeds and planting material;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has removed all prohibitions imposed on export of seeds of different varieties to encourage export of seeds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Flood and Farm Suicide

4447. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who committed suicide in flood affected States including Assam during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the amount allocated by the Government to various States to tackle the flood and the amount utilized/unutilized so far during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the causes of farmers suicides all over the country and if so, the details thereof?

Smuggling of Drugs

4448. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the majority of drugs in Punjab are smuggled in from across the border, especially from Pakistan;

(b) the steps/measures taken by the Government to detect drug smuggling across the border;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a special task force to tackle this problem in coordination with the State Government of Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-Payment of Retirement Dues

†4449. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd., under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises located in Allahabad has not yet paid the basic retirement benefits like Gratuity and Earned Leave Encashment etc. since September, 2016 to its retired employees; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to provide funds for the payment of the said dues?

Infrastructure Projects

4450. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted approvals and funds for implementing urban infrastructure projects in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and utilised for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year, city-wise, including Junagadh city; and

(c) the present status of the said projects and the steps taken/being taken by the Government for expediting these projects?

Production of Fruit and Vegetables

†4451. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any targets for the production of fruits and vegetables in various States of the country including Jharkhand during the last five year plan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of production of fruits and vegetables in various States of the country including Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of assistance provided by the Government to various States for promotion of horticulture crops during the last five year plan, State-wise; and

(d) the various steps taken by the Government to achieve the said targets during the said period?

Extension of Metro Lines

4452. SHRI G.M.

SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has approved an extra 313 km. of metro lines involving nine cities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a total of 537 km. of metro tracks are under construction and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has increased the budgetary provisions for metro projects to speed up metro expansion; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Price Rice of Essential Items

†4453. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

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 taken or is considering any initiative for effective measures to stop the unprecedented rise in the price of essential items;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date;
and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Nomination of Members in Consultative Committees

4454. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs nominates Members of Parliament on the Consultative Committees (CCs) of various Ministries under the Government;

(b) if so, the details of guidelines of constitution and functions of CCs;

(c) the details of vacancies in various CCs, Ministry-wise;

(d) whether the rule to hold six meetings normally and mandatory four meetings in a year are not being adhered and if so, the details of meetings held during the last three years, Ministry-wise;

(e) whether the Government accepts the recommendations of the meetings of CCs and if so, the details thereof, Ministry-wise;

(f) whether preferences for nomination in CCs from the Members or Leaders of Parties/Groups are being accepted by the Ministry;

(g) if so, the complaints received in this regard and the action taken thereon; and

(h) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make these CCs more effective?

E-prisons

4455. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have implemented the e-prisons programme in association with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is assisting the States for provision of any additional infrastructure required for implementation of e-prison project; and

(d) the funds disbursed for the e-prison project?

Loan to FCI

4456. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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 Food Corporation of India is considering to take fresh loan of Rs. 27,000 crore to service the principal dues of an earlier loan taken by it to run the Government's food subsidy programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that this is the second instance of the FCI tapping into the NSSF to repay the principal component of an earlier loan and if so, the details thereof?

Consumer Movement

4457. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumer movement is underway to protect the interests of the consumers;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of funds sanctioned to the agencies/NGOs/VOs involved in the consumer movement and the activities undertaken by them during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Infiltration of Terrorists

†4458. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken various steps to check infiltration of terrorists in the Indian boundaries from border areas during the last four years and the current year;

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

(c) the details of the proposed concrete arrangement to be undertaken by the Government to check the infiltration at all the borders?

Refugees from Neighbouring Countries

4459. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Christian refugees from the neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan etc. who have settled in India up to 31st December, 2014;

(b) the number of refugees in different States; and

(c) the number of refugees in Assam, district-wise?

Amendment of Seeds Act

4460. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has embarked on amendment of the Seeds Act with a view to safeguard the farmers from duplicate seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the changes being included in the list of Amendments and sops being given to the farmers in this regard?

Change of Measurement Units

4461. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

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 the International Bureau of Weights and Measures overhauled the definition of a kilogram as well as all the other basic units of measurement;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the reasons for the change in the definition of the kilogram; and

(d) whether the Government has ascertained the implications of the change in the definition of kilogram in the country on agriculture as well as foodgrain production if so, the details thereof and the guidelines issued following the change in the definition of kilogram?

Closure of Heavy Industries

4462. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heavy industries which are under closure in spite of being declared as Navratna Industries;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of PSUs which are stable/profitable?

Outstanding Debt of FCI

4463. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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 Food Corporation of India is facing the spectre of a loan trap in order to undertake the food procurement, transportation and storage operations under the National Food Security Act uninterruptedly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the outstanding debt of FCI would remain at Rs. 1.21 lakh crore; and

(d) whether it is also true that the budgeted food subsidy through FCI for the current fiscal is Rs. 1.38 lakh crore?

Interest Subvention for Farmers

4464. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government operates a scheme to disburse short term crop loan upto Rs. 3 lakh @ 7% interest and institutes are entitled to 2% interest subvention for their own funds for short term crop finance;

(b) whether the Government also provides 3% interest subvention to the farmers, who repay crop loan in time and as per the guidelines under the scheme, Banks have to charge only 4% interest if farmers repay loan in time and thus funds remain invested in Agricultural Credit by way of principal or interest;

(c) if so, the manner in which the Government is going to help the District Central Co-operative Banks and Primary Agriculture Co-operative Societies so that their finances are strengthened;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the claims are not paid in time thereby depriving the institutes to utilize their funds for further use and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to sanction the claim of interest subvention at the earliest or provide 90% of the claim amount in advance in order to reduce the financial burden of interest and if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of Transgenders

4465. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to enable the transgenders to live a dignified life in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of ID cards issued by the Government to the transgender community; and

(d) the envisaged utility of such ID cards?

Border Infrastructure Projects

4466. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that border infrastructure projects have been delayed due to want of environmental clearances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that India's national security is at stake at most places on the Indo-China Border; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Government to expedite the said projects?

Talcher Fertilizer Plant

4467. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fertilizer plant of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. was shut since 2002 at Talcher, Odisha and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to open the said fertilizer plant since 2002 and the results thereof;

(c) the details of the plants of the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. shut since its inception in 1978; and

(d) whether a fertilizer project of RCF has been approved by the Cabinet recently and if so, the details thereof?

Youth Serving in Jails

4468. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths serving jail time, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding the current schemes/policies for the skill development of inmates in jails especially for the youth; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that inmates are engaged in employment-oriented skill development for easier reintegration into the society upon release?

Neem Coated Urea

4469. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of neem coated urea manufactured in the country during 2015 to 2018;

(b) whether it is true that after manufacturing neem-coated urea, there is control over the leakage and diversion of urea and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the farmers are not facing shortage of urea or any other fertilizers used by them and if so, the details thereof?

Inadequate Storage for Foodgrains

†4470. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

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 taken cognizance of the fact that every year a lot

of foodgrains get spoiled due to inadequate storage capacity of foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States having excess storage capacity at present;

(d) whether the excess foodgrain storage capacity has turned out to be the reasons for crisis in some States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Law and Order Situation in the Country

†4471. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether law and order situation in the country including the State of Haryana is deteriorating;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of incidents of crime that came to light during the previous year and the current year along with the details of the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons, State-wise including Haryana;

(c) whether the Government has sought any report from the State Government of Haryana on the cases of rape that took place recently in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government to improve the law and order situation in the country?

Swachh Bharat Mission

4472. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any evaluation of Swachh Bharat Mission in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Mission is being implemented in metropolitan cities and towns; and

(d) the steps taken for effective implementation of the Mission?

Indian Institute of Packaging

4473. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) is formulating packaging specifications for pharmaceutical products that are exported to several unregulated and semi-regulated markets in Africa and Asia and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has asked IIP to come out with packaging specifications in consultation with the pharma industry so that products are not recalled on certain grounds and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status in this regard?

Reservation Provisions for SC/ST/OBC

4474. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Constitutional provisions are enforced through laws and rules made by the Parliament and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any Act to enforce the reservation provisions for SC/ST/OBC as provided under Article 16 of the Constitution and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to enact a legislation to implement the provisions of the Constitution in regard to reservation provisions effectively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation for Poor

4475. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is exploring the scope of providing reservation for poor candidates from forward communities for education and employment;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any demands from sections of

forward communities like the Marathis in Maharashtra, Rajputs in Rajasthan and Thakurs in Uttar Pradesh to give reservation for economically weak members of their groups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Gender Neutral Laws on Rape

4476. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any legislation to make rape laws in India gender neutral;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor considering the high number of reports of genders other than female being sexually assaulted in the country?

Irrigation Schemes

4477. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the total number of irrigation projects that have been completed so far under the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to reuse treated municipal waste water for peri-urban agriculture and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to attract private investment in irrigation and if so, the details thereof?

Neo-Liberal Onslaught on Agriculture

4478. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a concerted attack on the agriculture sector under the influence of neo-liberal policies;

(b) if so, whether the Government has undertaken any study to restore confidence in the agriculture sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loans to Farmers

†4479. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the States where the loans of the farmers as on date has been waived and the manner in which it has been waived along with the amount of waiver;

(b) the plans of the banks regarding the loans to be given to the farmers in the coming days; and

(c) the details thereof?

Agriculture Loan

†4480. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN: SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of agricultural loan provided to the farmers across the country along with the details thereof during the last five years;

(b) the total amount of agricultural loan outstanding against farmers across the country along with the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering any scheme of agricultural loan waiver in view of the miserable economic condition of farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in Navratna Companies

†4481. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the incidents of irregularities, corruption and collusion in Navratna Companies of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps to prevent corruption in the prestigious Navratna Companies of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the companies in which such incidents have been reported and the number of cases in which action has been taken, out of the total cases reported?

Child Lifting Cases

†4482. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding child lifting in the country;

(b) if so, the effective steps taken by the Government for prompt redressal thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up any new organisation or agency to deal with such types of threats; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Metro Connectivity

†4483. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the proposal to extend metro connectivity in Haryana from Narela to Kundli and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any time limit for starting and completing the work of the said metro line;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the people of Haryana particularly Sonapat are likely to be benefited from the metro connectivity?

Justice Verma Panel Report

4484. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the sexual harassment law as per the report of the Verma panel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued any directives to the States to set up State-level employment tribunal to deal with such complaints; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Border Dispute

†4485. SHRIMATI TABASSUM
BEGUM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Government in the matter of border dispute between two States and the extent to which the Centre can intervene in these matters; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the Dixit Award expeditiously to resolve the border dispute between the States of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana arising from the flow of river Yamuna?

Ban on Seditious Law

4486. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for complete ban on sedition law in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Undertrial Prisoners

4487. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the undertrial prisoners in the jails of the country are imprisoned in criminal cases;

(b) if so, whether fast and speedy hearings of the criminal cases would not only assure the basic rights provided by the Constitution but will also lessen the burden on the jails; and

(c) if so, the policy-related measures taken/being taken by the Government towards fast and speedy hearings of criminal cases?

Special Package to Naxal affected States

4488. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to announce a special package to certain naxal affected States due to the

extraordinary law and order challenges they are facing;

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

(c) the details of proposals for grant of special package being considered by the Government, State-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(d) the present status of these proposals?

National Bamboo Mission

4489. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status and progress of the National Bamboo Mission; and

(b) the measures undertaken to promote the growth of the bamboo sector in the North East Region of the country?

Comments of Law Commission Report

4490. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of comments received from the State Governments on the Law Commission's 273rd report titled Implementation of United Nations Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment' through Legislation;

(b) whether the United Nations Special rapporteurs have made any

statement regarding the rights of persons with disabilities on the situation of human rights defenders, on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment on 28 June, 2018; and

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

Study on Traffic Congestion

4491. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has commissioned a study on traffic congestion in the cities; and

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

Survey on Drug Abuse

†4492. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:
SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the

number of drug addicts, both adults and school children;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the number of such adults and children during each of the last five years;

(c) whether the Government is providing any facilities for de-addiction;

(d) if so, the total number of de-addiction centres in the country, State-wise;

(e) the funds allocated for this purpose annually; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective prevention of the growing problem of drug addiction among children and adults?

Environment Friendly Agriculture Methods

4493. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the high yielding varieties of seeds and the methods used for increasing agricultural growth have caused soil salinity and damage to the physical structure of soil; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government for empowering the farmers to adopt environment friendly agricultural methods?

GM Crops

4494. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GM crops like Bt cotton, introduced in India has failed to provide livelihood security to farmers, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government intends to call off any advancements in GM crops due to their limited success in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of precautionary principles and bio-safety protocols applied by the Government for the introduction of GM crops in India?

Financial Assistance to the Parents of Divyangs

†4495. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the parents of only one or two mentally challenged (Divyang) girls for their education and stenance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Crop Insurance

†4496. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to increase the amount under crop insurance scheme to enable the farmers to recover the crop losses and sustain themselves in

financial crisis in view of the pathetic situation of the farmers especially in Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency and the meagre amount of insurance paid to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

College of Horticulture and Forestry

4497. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat in the past four years;

(b) whether the standard of teaching/learning is going down repeatedly, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether only one community is given preference in this college for professors, assistant professors, teachers, etc., if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the identity and antecedents of selected candidates in teaching have been verified, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of Fertilizers

4498. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various fertilizers imported into the country during each of

the last three years and the current year were imported at a much higher prices as compared to the prices prevalent in the international market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Electronic Travel Authorisation

4499. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP

RUDY:

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visas issued online by the Government since the introduction of Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) by the Government in November, 2014 along with the estimated increase in tourism revenue to the country;

(b) whether the Government plans to introduce ETA for other countries too;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken to increase the safety and security of foreign tourists, given the significant rise in the number of visas granted since the introduction of ETA; and

(e) the details of countries which can avail e-visa and visa on arrival facilities?

Implementation of Street Vendors Act

4500. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all States and Union Territories have notified rules for the

implementation of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether some States have not notified the said rules and if so, the reasons for non-formulation of rules in those States and Union Territories;

(c) whether the Ministry is tracking the implementation of the Act;

(d) if so, the number of cities which have set up and operationalized Town Vending Committees (TVCs);

(e) the reasons why TVCs have not been set up or are not operational in some cities;

(f) whether the Ministry is not tracking the implementation of the Act and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the safeguards provided by the Ministry for the protection of street vendors in case of eviction in the absence of the State rules?

Bridging the Urban-Rural Gap in Agriculture

†4501. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the farming is done in the rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas of the country although rural areas have made improvements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorism in J&K

4502. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Terrorists killed/ arrested during each of the last three years and the current year in the State of Jammu & Kashmir by security forces;

(b) whether the killing of terrorists helps India to counter terrorist activities in the State;

(c) whether there are reports that 250 terrorists are likely to be active in the State and the locals are helping the terrorists in any way for safe hideouts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken so far to seek the participation of the locals on anti-terrorist activities along with the other measures taken to check terrorism in the State?

Social Security Pension to Senior Citizens

†4503. SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide social security

pension to all the senior citizens who are economically weak in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any data on the population of senior citizens in the country;

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

(d) whether the Government has ensured that every senior citizen in the country has a Bank Account; and

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

Agriculture Insurance Claims in Haryana

4504. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of settlement of agriculture insurance claims is very less in the State of Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the actual number of farmers who had availed compensation through agriculture insurance for the last three years in the State of Haryana; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to reduce huge pendency of insurance claims?

CSR Funds of Private Companies

4505. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many private companies have allocated Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to implement various socio-economic development projects in the country through various NGOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of NGOs which have received CSR funds from private companies during the current year; and

(d) the details and the number of NGOs which have spent such funds properly?

Flood Relief to West Bengal

4506. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released for the rehabilitation, restoration and compensation to cope with the damage caused by devastating flood in West Bengal in 2017;

(b) whether many roads, bridges, culverts damaged during the floods are still lying in dilapidated condition without repairing, restoration and rebuilding work;

(c) the reason for not compensating the victim's family whose family members had lost lives in that natural calamity; and

(d) the reason for non-disbursal of compensation amount meant for damaged houses?

Active Pharma Ingredients

4507. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the development of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any concrete efforts to mitigate the crisis of over dependence on China for the API needs in the country and also to combat the Chinese monopoly in this field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard?

Setting up of Horticulture University

†4508. 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 set up a Horticulture University in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Tonk and Sawai Madhopur districts in Rajasthan are also under consideration for setting up such a University, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any land has been identified by the Union Government for this purpose, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of benefits likely to be delivered from setting up of such a university?

Growth of FPI Sector

†4509. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of FOOD
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food processing sector in the country is the largest sector in terms of production, growth, consumption and exports, if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote the food processing sector from 2014 onwards till date;

(b) the quantum of foreign investment made in the Food Processing Industries sector from the year 2014 to till date and the names of the areas in which this environment has been made along with the details thereof;

(c) whether globally more than 72 per cent of the sale of food products takes place through super stores and if so, the present status thereof in the country;

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation in this regard from the year 2014 onwards till date; and

(e) the percentage share of retail market and super stores in the trade of food products in the country at present and the reasons therefor along with the details thereof, State-wise?

Bulk Drug Manufacturers

4510. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the world's leading bulk drug manufacturer till about 10 years back and if so, the facts in this regard;

(b) whether presently a very large percentage of bulk drug requirement are sourced from China;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of drugs out of the total requirement imported from China during the last three year, year-wise;

(d) whether the experts have expressed their concerns over the security risk and financial stress of the manufacturers of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(f) whether the Government proposes to revive the drugs sector and introduce a bulk drug policy in the country; and

(g) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Fake Letters

4511. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that fake letters regarding planting of bombs at public places/trains/airport etc. not only creates severe panic among the public but also puts various agencies to undue pressure and stress; and

(b) if so, the action taken/contemplated by the Government as on date to prevent this and/or to act as deterrent for such anti-social elements?

Subsidy to Farmers in FPI

4512. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of FOOD
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is giving 100 per cent subsidy to farmers in any FPI scheme, specially in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the aforesaid scheme along with the officials concerned and nodal agencies thereof?

GM Seeds

4513. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Seeds Act does not deal with quality control for Genetically Modified (GM) seeds, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that GM seeds are very costly and some times farmers can be misled and there is a strong need to develop protocol for determining the presence or absence of genes incorporated in such seeds, if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether a 'Seeds Village Scheme' to upgrade the quality of farmers' saved seeds has been introduced in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that financial assistance under the scheme has not reached the farmers and if so, the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Soil Testing Labs

†4514. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for increasing yields by making arrangements for soil testing of farms in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether appropriate arrangements have been made for the soil testing; and

(d) if so, the number of soil testing laboratories functioning in the country as on March 2018, State-wise?

Recruitment Rules for Physiotherapists

4515. DR. K. KAMARAJ:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of physiotherapists employed in the Ministry including allied offices and autonomous organisations like Institute for Physically Handicapped (IPH), etc.;

(b) the details of recruitment rules for physiotherapists in the said organisations;

(c) whether uniform recruitment rule and procedure is being adopted for the said recruitments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission with respect to physiotherapists and the pay scale given by the Ministry at the entry level presently?

Impact of Climate Change on Indian Agriculture and Food Security

4516. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made an estimation of the likely impact of climate change on Indian agriculture and food security, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress made under the National Mission on Sustainable agriculture and the initiatives being taken by the Government to promote climate resilient crop varieties;

(c) whether the Government is taking any initiatives for encouraging Indian farmers to adopt low carbon agriculture techniques, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of insurance payouts and financial assistance made to the farmers for crop loss due to climate change from 2014 to 2017, State-wise; and

(e) whether any expert body/committee has been appointed in advisory capacity or in any other way to make suggestions or recommendations to address the situation, if so, the details thereof?

Online Assurance Monitoring System

4517. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of assurances covered and pending on the portal, Online Assurance Monitoring System (OAMS);

(b) the budget allocation and training Programme for the nodal officers to monitor the assurances; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken against the Ministries which do not update the information on the assurances?

Central Assistance to SCSP

†4518. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the percentage of Special Central Assistance to formulate Economic Development Programme under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan;

(b) the names of States in which the Government has proposed to establish special centres for the benefit of Differently Abled people; and

(c) the details of the targeted beneficiaries under the Economic Upliftment and Achievements of the Government during the last three years?

New Processing Units

4519. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FOOD
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented various schemes and is extending financial assistance for setting up of fruit and vegetable processing units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the fruit and vegetable processing units in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh covered/benefited under these schemes during the last three years?

Doubling the Income of Women Farmers

†4520. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the share of women in the production of main crops in the country is 75 per cent;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in order to double the income of the said women agriculturist during the last four years and the current year along with the outcome thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the manner in which the Government is doubling the wages of the women working in the agriculture sector or providing assistance for doubling the income of the women working as self employed farmers?

Bhopal Gas Tragedy

4521. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (MCF) in 2010 for economic rehabilitation of the victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(b) the specific heads/purposes under which the amount allocated was divided;

(c) whether the money allocated has been utilized by the Department of Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation (BGTRR), Government of Madhya Pradesh, for the intended purposes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any amount was diverted to fuel different State Government schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether MCF has approved the diversion of any amount of the funds, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(f) whether MCF has sent a letter to the Principal Secretary, BGTRR, regarding alleged misuse of the funds and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Principal Secretary, BGTRR has responded to the letter and if so, the details thereof?

Generic Medicines

†4522. DR. RAMESH
POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS
AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the lack of quality in the Generic Medicines being used in the country at present;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen the supply chain of Generic Medicines in the backward, rural, hilly and inaccessible areas;

(c) whether the country has adequate availability of laboratories and human resources to test the medicines; and

(d) the manner in which the quality of medicine is proposed to be ensured in view of lack of testing laboratories in remote areas of the country?

Police Boats for Patrolling

4523. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that despite the passing of a decade since the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai, the provisioning of police boats needed for patrolling the coastal areas are yet to be in tandem with the security requirements;

(b) whether the Government has allocated Rs. 1,451 crore for procurement of new boats till the year 2020 and yet the optimal utilization of the budget in the same has been slow;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there has been a delay in the construction of dedicated jetties for coastal police stations impacting response efficacy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Progress of PMAY

4524. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of the houses constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) and if so, the details of the progress in this regard;

(b) the details of houses approved and constructed under *In-Situ* Rehabilitation of existing slum dwellers using land as a resource through private participation, Credit Linked Subsidy, Affordable Housing in Partnership and Subsidy for Beneficiary-led individual house construction/enhancement, in Andhra Pradesh, location-wise; and

(c) the details of funds sanctioned under each of the four components of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Andhra Pradesh, location-wise?

New Projects in Heavy Industries

4525. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the new projects identified in Andhra Pradesh for heavy industries post

bifurcation of the State along with the progress made so far; and

(b) the pending projects of the State and the time by which action is likely to be taken?

Public Facilitation Desks

4526. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Facilitation Desks (PFDs) are not functioning in several police stations, while public facilitation slips are not being issued at other police stations in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that Duty Officer and investigation officer are exclusively posted at the public facilitation desks without assigning other jobs to them so that visitors need not wait a long time to meet them?

Special Funds for Transgenders

4527. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give any special fund for generating livelihood opportunities to the transgender community;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide reservations to transgenders in educational institutions and Government jobs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Drought Assessment in Karnataka

4528. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that almost entire Karnataka is badly hit by drought, if so, whether the Government has received any reports from the State Government and any other agency about the losses incurred to farmers and the people due to deficit monsoon rains;

(b) whether it is a fact that a ten member inter-ministerial Central team had visited Karnataka in November, 2018 to assess the drought hit region and farmer's loss;

(c) the highlights of the Loss assessment reports on the same;

(d) whether the Central Government has taken any measures to release any financial assistance for taking up drought-relief activities and compensation to the affected people, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any such team has visited the other parts of the country including the State of Odisha to assess the drought and farmer's loss; and

(f) if so, the details thereof may please be provided and if not, the reasons therefor may please be provided?

Setting up of NDRF Unit

4529. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) unit near Yelahanka in Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposed unit is likely to be setup?

Modernization of Police Force

†4530. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of increase in terrorist and criminal activities, the Government has taken serious note of laxity observed in modernization of State Police Forces and installing crime and criminal tracking network and systems;

(b) if so, the reasons for the current status specially with regard to the State Governments and the manner in which the Government proposes to tackle such initiatives; and

(c) the schemes/major steps proposed to keep an eye on cyber crimes in such situation when a lot of emphasis is being laid on digital transfer of funds?

Grants-in-Aid to VOs

4531. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced scheme of grants-in-aid to voluntary and other organizations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the amount released under grants-in-aid for such organization during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to revise these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for grants-in-aid to these organizations?

Sponsoring of Agriculture Extension Personnel

4532. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Ministry of HRD/ Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has any proposals for sponsoring agriculture extension personnel/farmers outside the country for exposure and capacity building, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Animal Husbandry in Kerala

4533. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is giving any financial assistance to Kerala for the various projects in connection with development of animal husbandry in Kerala;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Horticulture Research and Education

4534. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) is setting up a Post Graduate Institute in Horticulture Research and Education (PGIHRE) at Amritsar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the above Institute at Amritsar; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite completion of the work of PGIHRE at Amritsar?

Agriculture input Subsidy for Crop Loss due to Natural Calamities

4535. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms of assistance in form of agriculture input subsidy under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in case of crop loss due to natural calamities;

(b) whether the existing norms of assistance under SDRF and NDRF provide for expenditure on revival of defunct lift irrigation points, in a disaster-like situation of drought, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there have been demands from disaster-prone States like Odisha to enhance the input subsidy provided for crop loss suffered due to natural calamities;

(d) whether the present norms of SDRF/NDRF permit only temporary/immediate restoration of damaged infrastructure, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government is considering making necessary amendment in the existing norms and permit full restoration of all damaged infrastructure, caused due to any disaster, out of SDRF/NDRF?

Funds for Welfare of SCs

4536. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds released for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the amount utilised during the said period for the two States, separately;

(c) whether the Government would introduce a law for all the States and UTs to ensure that the allocation for welfare of SCs are not diverted to any other schemes, is made non-lapsable and could not be reappropriated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-Settlement of Claims under PMFBY

4537. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private insurance companies are not settling claims put forth by several farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) even after collecting huge premiums;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any strategy for early and time-bound settlement of claims under PMFBY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

AGMARK Certification of Horticultural Products

†4538. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the agencies giving AGMARK certification for horticulture products;

(b) the norms for AGMARK certification for horticulture products;

(c) the details of the certified AGMARK horticulture products so far;

(d) whether for certification of any horticulture product all the varieties at that product, be it any regional variety are included; and

(e) if so, whether the Government considers to include the State Government agencies in the certification process, if so, the details thereof?

Demand for Quality Seeds

4539. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is huge demand for quality seeds in the agriculture sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that there is no proper mechanism for sale of seeds to meet the demand of farmers on timely basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note that there is a need to strengthen and incentivize the informal seeds production and distribution system in the country to ensure ease of agriculture in the country;

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to put any mechanism to ensure adequate availability of quality seeds round the year to all farmers; and

(f) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

Sexual Harassment of Working Women

4540. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of sexual harassment of working women at work place has gone up in the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during the last three years;

(c) the percentage of conviction in such cases; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to control this problem?

Cultivation of Coarse Cereals

†4541. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to cultivate coarse cereals on additional land with a view to increase their production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far along with the details of progress made in this regard?

Acid Attack

†4542. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of acid attack on women are continuously increasing in the country;

(b) the number of incidents of acid attack on women reported during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the current system to prevent the incidents of acid attack on women is inefficient and as a result, the Government has not been able to achieve targeted success in checking the said incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Repeal of AFSPA

4543. DR. THOKCHOM

MEINYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering the repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1958 after its repeated dilution by the Apex Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Governments are also increasingly eager to lift the imposition of this law in their regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their eagerness to withdraw this Law from their States?

Selfie Tower on Border

4544. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Border Security Forces (BSF) has decided to set up 'selfie tower' at Indo-Pakistan Border in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose for setting up of the proposed 'selfie tower';

(d) the time by which the tower is likely to be made operational; and

(e) the total budget for the project?

Rejuvenation of Farm Sector

4545. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has come out with many steps to rejuvenate the farm sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the Government needs to take strong measures to remove the farmers from distress which has not happened over a period of time, if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Foodgrains to States

4546. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding annual allocation / release of subsidized foodgrains

to States/UTs for Public Distribution System during the last 5 years;

(b) whether it is fact that allocation of subsidized foodgrains to States/UTs has decreased in the recent times, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress in installation of e-POS machines for distribution of subsidized foodgrains in the country; and

(d) whether the Government has any perspective plan to bring an end to distribution of subsidized foodgrains, if so, details thereof?

DBT Scheme

†4547. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an arrangement has been made by the Government to directly credit the fertilizer subsidy into the bank accounts of the fertilizer manufacturing companies through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT);

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether huge amount of subsidy has not been credited in the accounts of fertilizer companies till November, 2018 under the arrangement made by the Government; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the total amount of subsidy outstanding as on November, 2018?

Conversion of Agri-lands

†4548. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the barren land converted into arable land during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the increasing cases of conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to lay down any policy to check conversion of agricultural land for other purposes in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

†4549. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) comes under the category of Maharatna companies owned by the Government;

(b) if so, the total number of branches of BHEL in the country and abroad, location-wise; and

(c) the annual turnover of BHEL along with the total number of employees working therein?

Minimum Support Price

†4550. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MSP for a number of Products have gone up during the last three years but the MSP for certain agricultural products are still stagnant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to review the price determining policy to provide benefits to farmers and customers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Phethai Cyclone

4551. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details of losses suffered and the number of States that have been severely affected along with the number of people killed, injured and missing, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of cyclone 'Phethai' on fishermen and damage caused by it;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount of relief sought by the affected States and the assistance provided/likely to be provided by the Government; and

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

Cotton Production in the Country

†4552. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether per hectare production of cotton in the country is constantly declining in the last few years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of per hectare production of years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(c) whether production cost of cotton has increased during the abovementioned years; and

(d) if so, the details of the prices of essential items of agricultural use like seed, fertilizers, insecticides during each of the above said years?

Functioning of NIs, CRCs and DDRCs

4553. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Institutes (NIs), Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has provided grants-in-aid to such centres during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(d) whether these centres have failed to provide requisite help to disabled persons and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has reviewed the working of such centres during the said period; and

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Projects of NCRPB

4554. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects implemented and financed by the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) along with the amount of loan assistance provided to each project during each of the last three years and the current year, State/city-wise;

(b) the details of the achievements made by NCRPB in this regard during the said period along with the details of utilization of loan assistance by the State Governments/implementing agencies during the said period;

(c) whether the Board has identified any areas of weakness/bottlenecks in bringing about development in the cities under the National Capital Region;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/to be taken by NCRPB in this regard; and

(e) whether there is shortage of staff which is adversely affecting the functioning of the NCRPB and if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Development of Disabled Friendly Infrastructure

4555. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI B. V. NAIK:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken effective steps to support and develop the infrastructure facilities to facilitate Physically Challenged, differently abled population in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount allocated and disbursed in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has identified any Government buildings which were not disabled friendly during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise; and

(d) the details of proposals received for making such buildings disabled friendly and the status of such proposals along with the funds sanctioned in this regard, State-wise?

Functioning of NIA

4556. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aim and objectives of setting up of the National Investigation Agency (NIA);

(b) the details of branches/units of the National Investigation Agency functioning at present in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of cases being investigated by NIA since its inception along with the present status of the cases, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether NIA is facing shortage of manpower in dealing with various cases and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of the NIA; and

(f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the measures being taken by the Government to make NIA more effective?

Infiltration on Borders

4557. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has submitted a detailed

report to the Government regarding Pakistan infiltration operation recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main contents of the report;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto along with the measures taken/being taken on the basis of NIA report;

(d) whether the Government has deputed a team of officers to study this rising cross border infiltration in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the follow up action taken thereon; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen the coordination amongst security agencies and to review the security norms from time to time to check the infiltrations?

Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children

4558. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the implementation of the 'Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) Scheme' in the country along with its salient features;

(b) the number of complaints pertaining to child pornography and videos of sexual assault received on 'online cyber crime reporting portal' since inception along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such complaints so far;

(c) whether the Government has made any provision for establishing a hotline for reporting of such complaints under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with number of such complaints received on the hotline so far; and

(e) the details of the funds provided under the said scheme since inception along with its utilisation and the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said scheme across the country?

Stock of Pulses

4559. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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 hired a consultant to advise it on engaging a professional agency for efficient management of buffer stock of pulses that is being created for use in times of price rise;

(b) if so, the reasons for engaging private consultant;

(c) whether the Government has fixed target of 20 lakh tonnes buffer stock of pulses; and

(d) if so, the details of the buffer stock of pulses built so far?

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

4560. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in various States of the country;

(b) whether any target has been set under the revamped Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, if so, the details of the target set for the country in general and for various States in particular including Maharashtra State-wise along with the details of achievements made therein;

(c) the details of the programmes being undertaken under the said Yojana and achievements made therefrom during the last four years;

(d) whether the Government provides flexibility under this yojana to the States to come up with need based programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to increase the income of farmers in Tamil Nadu?

Involvement of Rural Youth in Agriculture

4562. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started schemes like Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) and Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness Development Yojana (READY) for attracting and engaging youth in agriculture and if so, the details thereof along with the enrolment details, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has proposed and is developing ways in the field of agriculture which will provide employment opportunities to the youth thereby adding the income of farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has proposed and is taking steps for rural educated youth to remain involved in agricultural activities thereby reducing unemployment;

(d) whether ICAR proposes to set up institutes across the country to attract rural youth and make them aware of the latest technology and infrastructure development in agricultural activities and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has been implementing the National Food Security Mission and the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana across different districts of the country to raise the production of rice, wheat and pulses in the country including Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with the targets set, foodgrain and State-wise;

(f) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the said schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise including Maharashtra; and

(g) the details of achievements made under these schemes so far?

Agriculture and Agro Products in Tamil Nadu

4561. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to allocate funds for the development of agriculture and agro products in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government provides adequate research and development facilities for ICAR and its related departments in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total amount disbursed till date by the Centre for the same, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government has started Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) Centers in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to open more ABI centers in the country including Jhunjhunu District of Rajasthan and Chatra, Latehar and Palamu Districts of Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Food Processing Facilities

4563. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate food processing facilities are available in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh to meet the demand of food processing in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote food processing in the region?

Amendment of SC/ST Act

†4564. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amendment ordinance of the SC/ST Act has angered the upper castes as well as the backward castes across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made any efforts to pacify their anger and prevent misuse of the said Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Income Limit for Creamy Layer

†4565. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) in its order dated 09.03.2004 regarding raising the income limit, has removed clarification (2) regarding assessment of income/property;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the role of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in removing clarification (2) regarding assessment of income/property;

(c) whether the explanation which has been given along with category 6a and 6b of original office memorandum 1993, regarding creamy layer is equally applicable for both 6a and 6b;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the criteria fixed in this regard and the details of clarification given by the National Commission for Backward Classes in this regard, date-wise; and

(e) the opinion of the first creamy layer expert committee with regard to the category 2c and category 2?

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture

4566. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) along with the facilities provided under the scheme;

(b) the criteria laid down to include district/development block and the total number of districts/development blocks covered under the Mission, State-wise;

(c) whether in the wake of climate change, any step has been taken to innovate, diversify and grow fruits, vegetables, flowers and other horticulture crops in the non-traditional areas in the country and if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereunder; and

(d) the other steps taken to promote horticulture in the country?

Shortage of D-Penicillin

4567. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of D-Penicillin medicine in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that due to shortage of raw-materials, the production of this medicine has decreased;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the action taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the gap in the shortage of D-Penicillin in the country?

Failure to Register FIR by Police Personnel

4568. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints received and registered against police personnel for failure to register First Information Report (FIR) on receiving complaints from women alleging sexual offences including rape, trafficking, and/or criminal assault, as specified under Section 166A of the Indian Penal Code, for 2017 and 2018, State-wise;

(b) whether this data is being maintained in any form in the public domain;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any steps will be taken to make such data available in the public domain and if so, the details thereof?

Neglect of Senior Citizens

4569. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of senior citizens are deserted by their children and relatives in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action against the said perpetrators and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has initiated any rehabilitation programme for such senior citizen; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Online Fraud Cases

†4570. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons using internet who have become victims of online fraud during each of the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to prevent people from becoming victims of online fraud;

(c) the number of cases of online fraud registered during the said period and the amount involved in these cases, State-wise;

(d) the number of cases solved/not solved by the police during the said period, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to solve the unsolved cases?

Promotion of Electric Vehicles

†4571. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES

भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated to promote the use of electric vehicles in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any subsidy is being provided for purchase of the said vehicles;

(c) whether there is any proposal to charge fee on other vehicles to fund the said subsidy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation in Education and Employment

4572. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to implement reservation system in education and employment in rotational basis so that all people in a particular community/caste will utilise the same and get chance for reservation to uplift their social status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects under AMRUT

4573. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS
आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned, released and utilised under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and

Urban Transformation (AMRUT),
State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of projects where work has begun under the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the Utilisation Certificate submitted by the States, State-wise;

(d) the details of States which have received second and third instalment under the scheme, State-wise;

(e) the details of the monitoring meetings of Apex committee conducted in this regard; and

(f) the details of inspection conducted by the Independent Review and Monitoring Agency (IRMA) under the scheme?

Cultivation of Sugarcane

4574. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugarcane growers are shifting from cultivation of sugarcane to other cash crops and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to encourage the farmers for cultivation of sugarcane and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other welfare measures taken by the Government for the welfare of sugarcane farmers during the last four years?

Schemes for Various Sections

4575. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Schemes/Programmes introduced by the Government to cater to the needs of various sections of people of the society including disabled persons during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds allocated and spent on the said programmes during the said period, scheme, year and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has achieved its target set under each programme; and

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

Central Potato Research Institute

4576. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to close down the Central Potato Research Institute in Ooty, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on the potato cultivating farmers in the southern States in the country and the steps taken to protect their interests; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Re-structuring of FCI

4577. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the recommendations by the High Level Committee headed by Mr. Shanta Kumar on re-structuring of Food Corporation of India; and

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for implementation of the recommendations?

Rebate on Home Loan

†4578. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:
SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides any rebate on home loans for purchasing/construction of houses in the country including Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people benefited from the said rebate in Chhattisgarh during the last three years?

Disaster Preparedness of Kerala

4579. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has received a communication from the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Kerala on 6.10.2018, pointing out how the inadequacy of Automated Rain Gauges, absence of high-end ensemble nested models and lack of meteorologists posted in the State of Kerala, have been hindering the ability of the State Government to carry out Disaster Management activities under the National Disaster Management Plan, 2016;

(b) if so, whether steps have been taken to address these points, especially to increase the number of Automated Rain Gauges in Kerala and to provide high-end ensemble nested models customised for the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for Schemes

†4580. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes implemented by the Government in Bihar;

(b) whether funds has been allocated/released under the said schemes during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Production and Export of Fruits

4581. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Horticultural Report indicates that India is the second largest producer in the world of fruits and vegetables after China;

(b) if so, the year-wise statistics of fruit and vegetable exports from India beginning from the year 2000;

(c) the area-specific production of fruits with particular reference to Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to enhance the fruit and vegetable exports from India?

Inclusion of Districts in NHM and NFSM

†4582. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts of the country including Chhattisgarh which have been included in the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) Scheme and the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) Scheme;

(b) whether some States including Chhattisgarh have proposed to include some more districts separately in both of the above schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(d) whether the Government is likely to consider proposals made by the States to include those districts in the schemes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

NCRB Data on Juveniles

4583. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Juveniles involved/accused of committing crimes of serious nature as per the NCRB data during the period of 2014-2018;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to address the problem of Mental Health of adolescents which will help reduce Juvenile Crimes; and

(c) the targets of National Mental Health Policy?

Delay in Payments under PMFBY

4584. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a delay in payments to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the delay is caused by late payment of premium to the insurance companies by the Union Government and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the use of modern technology in assessing the yield loss for payment of crop insurance claims has not been properly implemented, which

resulted in delay in claim reimbursements and if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructure of Cities

4585. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 of the 20 fastest growing cities in the world are in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to create more infrastructure in these cities in view of the above report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

e-NAM in Jharkhand

†4586. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal to connect a particular 'Mandi' of Jharkhand with the National Agriculture market project of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken by the Government so far on the above proposal; and

(d) the extent to which the said decision has been implemented?

Price of Farmers' Produce

†4587. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problems of the farmers are increasing as the price of their produce does not rise in proportion to their cost of farming;

(b) if so, whether the Government would consider increasing the price of their produce in proportion to the rise in their cost of farming; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Commission for Backward Classes

4588. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to appoint the Members and Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the composition of the said Commission;

(c) if not, the time frame for appointing the members as the community is deprived of the help from the commission;

(d) whether the commission has the powers to advise the Government to include or exclude any caste from the Central List of OBCs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Loans to Sugar Industry

4589. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of interest free loans made available to sugar industry in the current financial year;

(b) the interest free loans given to sugar industry in the last two financial years;

(c) whether the Government has estimated the amount due to cane farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that sugar mills clear their dues to cane farmers; and

(e) whether the Government will initiate action against sugar mills for not clearing dues despite availing interest free loans, if so, the details thereof?

Espionage Incidents

4590. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till November, 2018, 17 espionage modules

backed by Pakistani's Inter-Services Intelligence were neutralised and 25 espionage agents including Pakistanis, were arrested;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government was able to overcome the first tide of propaganda and mobilisation by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hostels for Differently Abled Students

4591. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Government of Telangana regarding construction of hostels/care and rehabilitation centres and for providing financial assistance specially to the physically and mentally challenged/ differently abled boys and girls in the State during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of such proposals which have been accorded administrative and financial approvals, location-wise; and

(d) the details and reasons for such proposals which have not been accorded approval, location-wise?

Delegation of Power to Registrar, Cooperative Societies

†4592. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to delegate powers to Registrar, Cooperative Societies, of the States under sections 21, 39, 54, 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82 for the management and control of the capital collected by multi State cooperative societies;

(b) if so, the time by which the said powers will be delegated; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fish Production and Consumption

4593. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fish production contributes around 1% to India's GDP and over 5% to the agricultural GDP;

(b) whether India's per capita fish consumption in 2016 was just 6.6 Kg, according to FAO;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote and popularize commercial aquaculture;

(d) the funds spent to promote fisheries in the country during the last three years; and

(e) the objectives of setting up of national fisheries development board and the details of Schemes being implemented

by the Board and the Total Outlay approved for the Scheme on development of inland fisheries and aquaculture and the components of the Scheme?

Reservation for OBCs

4594. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 97 per cent of all jobs and admission reserved at the central level for Other Backward Classes has one to just under a quarter of all sub castes classified as OBCs;

(b) whether as many as 983 OBC communities-37 per cent of the total have zero representation which means that not a single job or single seat has been availed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether just 10 communities of OBCs *i.e.* 24.95 per cent have availed the said benefit in jobs and admissions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Benefits of Agricultural Technology and Schemes

†4595. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether small and marginal farmers are not able to avail full benefits of modern agricultural technology and various special schemes;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have come out with various schemes to protect farmers from price volatility;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to support them under the existing schemes under remunerative prices with agricultural and horticulture produce;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether these produce are likely to be covered under Price Support Schemes (PSS) and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) which are not covered under MSP; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and financial support provided to States in this regard?

Voluntary Consumer Organisations

4598. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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 voluntary consumer organisations functioning in various States of the country including Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether the Government has provided assistance to such organisations during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of the States/regions/sectors which are not getting these benefits;

(c) whether the Government has identified the sectors which are using old and outdated technology;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Agriculture Institutes/Universities have played any role in revival of agricultural extension schemes for providing relevant information/knowledge particularly to the small and marginal farmers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Consumer Cases

4596. DR. K. GOPAL:

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 true that the country's apex consumer commission has suggested that the Government entities should decide not to appeal against petty compensation awarded by district forums;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that this is because of piling up of consumer cases in various consumer forums; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Protection of Farmers from Price Volatility

4597. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Investigation into cases of Sexual Offences

4599. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

गृह मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched India's National Database of Sexual Offenders (NDSO) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will help law enforcement agencies for effectively tracking and investigating cases of sexual offences;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether this initiative has been taken up under the National Mission for

Safety of Women and if so, the details thereof?

Food Subsidy

4600. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a considerable increase in the food subsidy given by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of factors responsible for the spurt in the Central Food Subsidy Bill?

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